

Stokely Week SALE



8 BIG DAYS

FREE TURKEYS
Free turkeys will be given our customers Saturday, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21. No obligation. Adults just register each time you are in store. Friday Nov. 13 through Nov. 21.

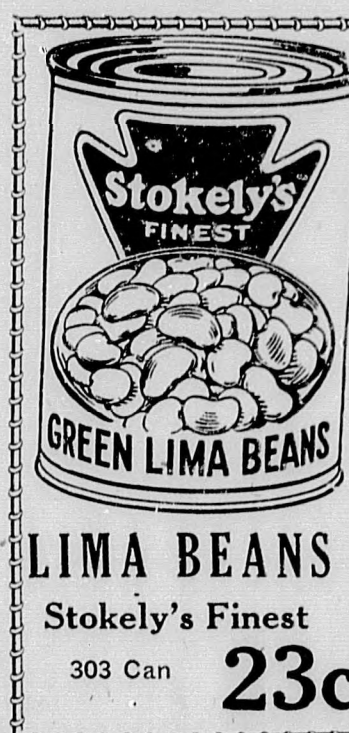
BUY IN DOZEN & CASE LOTS AND SAVE
8-Big Days - Friday, Nov. 13 through Saturday Nov 21

Take Advantage of this wonderful 8 Day Stokely SALE at your PIGGLY WIGGLY. Many fine values throughout the store.

All Adults Register for FREE Turkey !!



PEACHES
Stokely's Finest
Halves or Sliced
303 Can 19c



GREEN LIMA BEANS
Stokely's Finest
303 Can 23c



CUT GREEN BEANS
Stokely's Finest
303 Can 19c



CREAM STYLE SWEET CORN
Stokely's Finest
303 Can 17c

Baker's Shredded 4oz Can

COCONUT 15c

Jerrell's Non-Fat Dry 7 oz

MILK 15c

Ocean Spray Cranberry

SAUCE 23c

Ray or Sesso No. 10 Jug

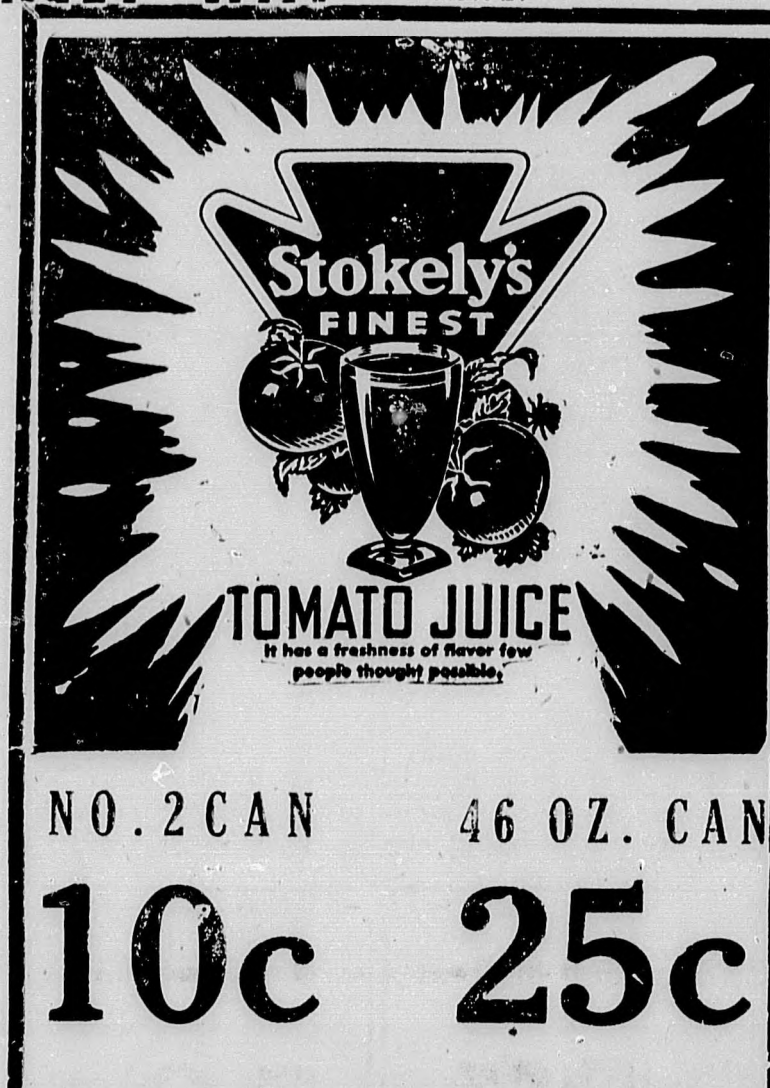
COOKING OIL 1 39

All Flavors Royal Pkg.

GELATIN 5c

Swifts Jewel 3 lb can

SHORTENING 87c



NO. 2 CAN 46 OZ. CAN
10c 25c



Stokely's Tom 2-14 oz bot

CATSUP 33c

Stokely's Sliced 303 can

BEETS 17c

Stokely's Honey Pod 303

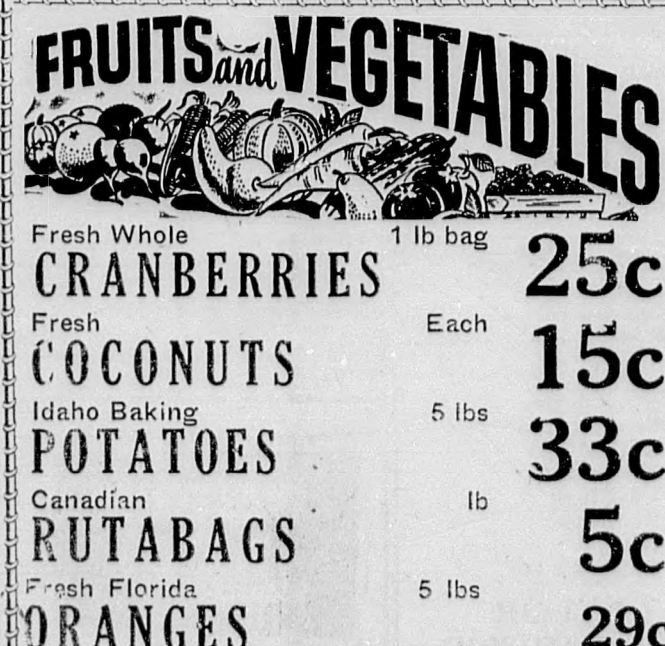
PEAS 23c

Stokely's Fruit 303 can

COCKTAIL 27c

Stokely's Bartlett Halves 303 can

PEARS 29c



CRANBERRIES 1 lb bag 25c

COCONUTS Each 15c

POTATOES 5 lbs 33c

RUTABAGS 1 lb 5c

ORANGES 5 lbs 29c

THIS TAG on EVERY FRYER AT PIGGLY WIGGLY

GUARANTEES
Finest Quality
SWIFT'S
"Tender-Grown"

FRYERS 55c

Seminole Sliced BACON 59c

Fresh Standard OYSTERS 59c

Swift Premium-Half or Whole HAMS 59c

Premium Baby Beef CHUCK ROAST 39c

Brookfield Mild HOOP CHEESE 49c



ELBA'S BIG STOKELY SALE

About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Elba Church of Christ was organized in 1909 with the following charter members: Mr. & Mrs. J. J. English, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. English, Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Shealey, Miss Sallie Collier, Jack Owen, Arthur Owen, M. A. Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Sam R. Morgan, Mr. & Mrs. B. A. Young, Mr. & Mrs. James J. English, Miss Nettie Ruth Walker, Miss Mollie Blue Walker, Mrs. Ora Lunsford, Mrs. M. Milford, Sam B. Young and Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Young.

The first minister was W. T. Grider who came to Elba from Rose Hill and served the Elba organization for about 4 years.

Sunday School and preaching services were held in the court house, school building and Patrick Theatre until the modern brick church edifice was built on Factory Street in 1921.

James C. Dixon came to Elba from North Alabama in 1924 as Minister and superintendent of Elba schools. He served in both capacities for 26 years. Under his leadership the church and school made progress with many boys and girls spending all their school lives under his tutelage.

About three years ago Minister Dixon resigned to take a position in Los Angeles, Calif. George Herring was employed as minister for about 24 months. During that time church membership grew to about 70.

A new minister's home was built adjoining the church two years ago. The marriage of Minister Herring and Miss Nina English, daughter of Mr. J. J. English and the late Mr. English, was an important event recently. They then moved to an Andalusia church.

Since Minister Herring left, the Elba Church of Christ has been calling various ministers with the intention of making a choice of a permanent one soon.

GET IN CATTLE BUSINESS

(Elba Clipper, June 16, 1908)

The meat rust has given notice of an advance in the price of beef and hog products. The advance is caused by the scarcity of beef on the western ranches.

The west cannot, since so much of it has been cut up in small farms, produce beef to supply the demand, and the day of cheap cattle has passed forever for that section.

Conditions are now good for Southern farmers to wake up and reap of the good prices that will have to be paid for meats in his country and Europe. Cattle on Southern farms have always more than paid their way and under present conditions there is a good big money in the business.

The soil, climate and seasons of this section are all that could be desired for raising cattle. It is easy to provide good pastures all the year, water is abundant, grass grows to perfection for the best hay, the markets are close at hand and the demand is always greater than the supply. Under such conditions as these failure is almost impossible.

We have yet to hear the first farmer who gave proper attention to hogs and cattle in South Alabama and failed to make it pay handsomely.

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YOUR CENTENNIAL EDITION

It took almost everyone in Elba and part of Opp to get out this special issue of The Clipper. Of primary interest to readers will be the pictures of old time Elba in the old picture contest will be announced next week.

Because lots of people went to the trouble of digging out these photos, the staff was able to put out an interesting issue.

Merchants advertising their business and subscribers who kept their subscription current are the persons who have made this paper possible.

Then when the press broke down Saturday afternoon, Mayo Prescott and Charles English from Dorsey Trailers obligingly put in some overtime to repair a broken part. Sunday afternoon the press went on theritz again so part of the paper was printed on equipment belonging to The Opp News. Their pressman, Ned Guiffin, worked overtime to pull us out of a hole.

On our own staff, George Green, pressman and compositor, Leon Brunson, pressman, and the owners have put in several 20 hour days getting out this issue.

It has been a lot of work to offer this commemorative issue to you—we hope you enjoy it.

The press breakdown and resulting loss of time during Elba's "boom" were all part of the limited number of pages we could print. Consequently some material, pictures and stories which should have been included were left out. However, we did the best we could under the circumstances.

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Ex-Resident Asks, "Do You Remember?"

By MRS. S. A. KREIDER

When your parents digged you out of bed past midnight and put your coat on over your sleepers so you could go outside to see Halley's Comet, because it would not return for eighty years?

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At recess? When the best teacher, Miss Eunora Farris, took the first grade to the "reservoir hill" to hunt chinquapias?

The holobacks in the yard of the Laws on "reservoir hill"? Going back to the Claude Rileys' each year to get sweet gum? And trying to chew it? (Ugh - Children were tough in those days.)

That Estelle Blue, Felix Coston and Elizabeth Sanders were the piano playingest girls? And how Tup and Willie D. could play?

When lovely Mabel Huff, of Mississippi, visited Warree Boyd? And later, when the "fantastic riders" Christmas morning? Orville Allen and - was it Morgan Wind-ham-dressed as women and riding all over town on mule back?

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City Services Keep Pace with Progress

When Elba was founded 100 years ago ox-drawn carts furnished transportation over muddy roads, kerosene lanterns provided illumination, no sewerage existed, and flowing wells or pumps provided water in the

homes. Since 1853, lots of progress has been made in science, agriculture, chemistry and manufacturing and in Elba—

UNTIL TODAY ELBA HAS



A modern, two-story brick building built in conjunction with the Elba Masonic Lodge now houses the city government. The downstairs is used by the municipality as police offices, city clerk and mayor's office, light and water system offices and a room for the public library. Space is rented to the Grill.

Good Fire & Police Protection

The City of Elba boasts of one of the top volunteer fire departments in Southern Alabama. Under the direction of Chief Flournoy Whitman the 15 volunteers have drilled themselves into an efficient unit that gets to a blaze quickly and knows what to do when at a fire. Proper equipment as provided by the city has meant a lot to this group of men and to every property owner in town.

In the past few years, business establishments and residential units have benefited from several drops in the fire insurance premiums prescribed for Elba. This has been due solely to the proper utilization of good equipment by a group of well-drilled men. The Mayor and Council are glad to have been a cog in progressing with Elba in this manner and at the same time saving money for everyone in town.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Another big item in city government is the police department. The law enforcement officials are in Elba to protect you and your property. The rate of robberies and other major crimes is low in Elba and The City is proud of its police force. The men serving on these posts are able and willing to take care of any emergencies that may arise.

LIGHT AND WATER BOARD

This year the City of Elba took over the operation of its two major public utilities—light and water. Under the direction of a board composed of Drayden Smith, Vardie Wright and John Taylor, the municipality will operate and manage these two services. Dick Dorman is superintendent of the operation assisted by Joe Brooks, John Young and Mrs. P. B. Sellers. Since the city purchased the power and light set-up, it had been operated by Matthews Electric.



Police force of the city is made up of: sitting, left, J. W. 'Doc' Parker, chief of police, and Patrolman Clarence Parker; standing, left, D. F. Allday and Alex Strickland.

City Is Financially Sound

The city governing body can look back over the improvement they have initiated and count a long list of completed projects.

When Mayor Mullins took office in 1934, it was only a few years after the hectic flood period. Gradual progress was being made but the new mayor and council were determined to carry out a far-reaching program of improvements that would bring the city up-to-date on its sanitation, streets, sewerage, water, lights, recreation and office facilities.

A sanitary program was initiated. The old horse-drawn garbage wagon was replaced with a truck which has in turn been replaced with a load-packer type garbage truck.

A small upstairs office over Bonneau-Jeter Hardware was all the city officials had to work out of. The building next to the old post office was purchased by the city through the efforts of W. W. Ham, then city clerk. This building and lot were sold to the Emergency Aid Insurance Co. for their new building. In 1948 the present City Hall was erected in conjunction with the Masonic Lodge.

STREETS IMPROVED

Nineteen years ago only two streets in the city were paved. Today, the council is working towards the goal of hard-surfacing all the streets in town and they are approaching their objective.

A sanitary and fireproof jail has been constructed. The city purchased street maintenance equipment, hired a foreman, put a crew on

duty and keep the streets in good repair. A continual extension is being made on sidewalks all over town.

Land has been purchased and an athletic stadium constructed. About 3,000 persons can be seated in the football stands for gridiron contests or other events held in the stadium.

Eleven miles of new water mains have been put in during recent years. A new deep artesian well has been completed recently to give the city an adequate water supply.

STREET LIGHTS

Mercury vapor lights have been installed in the business section and at critical traffic points throughout the city.

Evergreen cemetery is owned by the city and the part with free burial lots is maintained by the town. When an expansion of the cemetery was necessary, lots were sold in the new development.

In connection with the laying of 11 miles of new water mains, a reservoir increasing the storage capacity of the city system was put up on the hill by Pine Tappers on the Opp highway. This opened an entirely new section for residential development. The new section has city fire protection as well as the advantages of municipal water.

A housing development with twenty white and six colored units has been started and will be open for occupancy sometime this year.

CITY OF ELBA



City Council for Elba during its Centennial year gave moral and financial support to citizens organizing the celebration. Left to right are M. A. Devane, S. B. Young, Mayor L. P. Mullins, Stokes Haire, Dr. C. P. Hayes and Shelby Morrow.

Mayor L. P. Mullins has been at the helm of the city government since 1934. He is married to the former Katherine Leverette of Brundidge and they are the parents of four children, three still living in the city. The mayor is chairman of the local athletics commission, a Mason, Shriner, Knights of Pythias, member of the Lions, vice-president of the Alabama League of Municipalities and a director of the Alabama Co-op.

Dr. C. P. Hayes has the record for longest service on the council—34 years. He is councilman-at-large, a graduate of Louisville Medical School and has been practicing in Elba since 1906. He has one son.

Sam Bean Young is employed in a local mercantile store and is serving his second term.

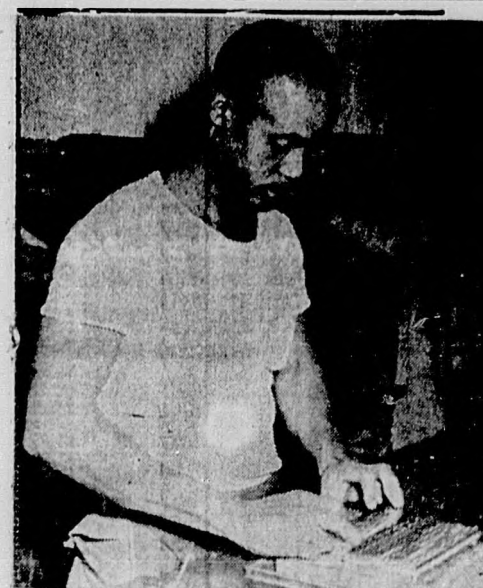
Shelby Morrow owns the Morrow Grocery Co., Elba Vault Co., and is serving his second term. He is married, has five children and attended Pine Level school.

Stokes Haire owns and operates Elba Drug. He is a graduate pharmacist from Auburn, is married and has two children. He is serving his first term.

M. A. Devane holds a key position as Dorsey Trailers, is married and the father of two children. He is serving his first term.



Faculty at the Elba Colored School are Wm. E. Patton Jr., principal, Mrs. Shaw, Lurline Thomas, Mrs. Glennie Pearl Cox, second row, Mrs. B. M. McGowan, Claudia Barnett, Mrs. William Patton, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. T. Reynolds; third row, Gaines Waters, O. W. Harper, Mrs. Lydia Adams, Ida Mae Carlisle, Beatrice Bonner and Gladys Rhodes. (Clipper Photo)



George Hudson composer and pressman at The Clipper is shown working on an ad for The Centennial Edition.

Elba High School News

COUNTY FFA MEETING

Wednesday, October 28, 1953, Elba's FFA entered the FFA officers and advisors from Enterprise, Kinston and New Brockton. After the girls were assembled in the auditorium, a program was given including a talk on the history of Halloween by Patricia Brooks, a piano solo by Rosa Deal, and a short skit by the Homecoming II girls. After the program, the group went to the Vocational Building and were served cookies, sandwiches, and punch.

Our FFA Chapter held its initiation Tuesday, October 27, 1953 with fifty new members being initiated. It was an impressive ceremony with the first six officers dressed in white and the initiates in red and white. President Clara Ann Spurlin pinned a red and white ribbon on each member. Peggy Weeks gave the old then as now. Many of our older residents say they have known him all of their lives and he has always been an old man.

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Brief History of Colored School Written

By LYDIA ADAMS

The Mulberry Baptist Association bought from the Donalson estate 62 acres of land, which is known as "The Spurlin Gap," located two miles on the Samson highway.

Later Martin Stinson bought a dwelling to be used as a church near the same spot. Seeing the need of a school building, it was used for a classroom in which a number of citizens attended.

The first school building in Elba was the old Masonic hall which is still standing in front of the Elba Negro Methodist Church near the Troy highway.

Later, "The Mulberry Baptist Association" bought from the Mose Lee's estate ten acres of land of which five acres were deeded to the state for a Rosenwald building. Soon the state took over.

This is now the main building on the campus. An auditorium and a vocational building were erected in 1940 and 1942. In 1952 three new rooms were added.

The principals serving in this school were H. F. Curtis, James

By C. B. McDOWELL

"Uncle Charlie" Porter, probably the oldest colored resident of this area, was born during slavery times in Henry County and lived there until after the abolition of slavery.

He said his first master was Mr. Potter, but afterward his new master was Mr. Porter, whose name he took.

After gaining his freedom, young Charlie Porter came to Coffee County and went to live with the family of Tobe Allred, a large plantation owner in the south part of the county. He worked on the plantation for several years and he said he could not have been treated better anywhere and learned to have great love and highest esteem for members of the Allred family.

A remarkable characteristic of "Uncle Charlie" is his refusal to grow old in appearance. Jess Blocker, rural mail carrier, said he found "Uncle Charlie" working at a turpentine still when he first began carrying the mail, 46 years ago, and he looked as old then as now. Many of our older residents say they have known him all of their lives and he has always been an old man.

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Wm. E. PATTON Principal, Colored School

CELIA ENGLISH ACCIDENTALLY SHOT IN FOOT

Miss Celia English, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold English, Miss English was at her home when her brother, Buddy and Elliot Kendrick drove up in a car and she took her brother's rifle and started for the door and in some manner the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking her foot and passing through and into the floor.

It was a high powered cartridge and made a clean hole. She was rushed to Dr. J. M. Kinney's office and was treated for tetanus. The accident caused a painful wound but Dr. Kinney said that because the bullet made a clean hole he does not think serious results will follow.

Miss Eunora Farris, supervisor of the county schools, will attend the state conference of supervisors and Directors of instruction to be held in Montevallo the first part of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Heiler and sons George, Miss Francis Meddix and Mrs. E. W. Heuron spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Veal.

VISIT ELBA

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Parker of Quantico, Va. and Washington, D. C. spent last week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parker. They are enroute to Pensacola, Fla. where Lt. Parker will enter Flight School.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Rowe and little son of Panama City spent last week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rowe. Mrs. Dan Boydwin is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. W. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison in Montgomery.

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After many years on the square, the Elba post office moved to the corner of Factory and Buford streets, across from Cannon Motor Company. The new building was constructed specifically for a post office building by the Taylor Warehouse Company on the property formerly used by Dorsey Trailers and in later years by Taylor Warehouse for storage purposes. (Clipper Photo)

Buy and Sell Through Clipper Want Ads

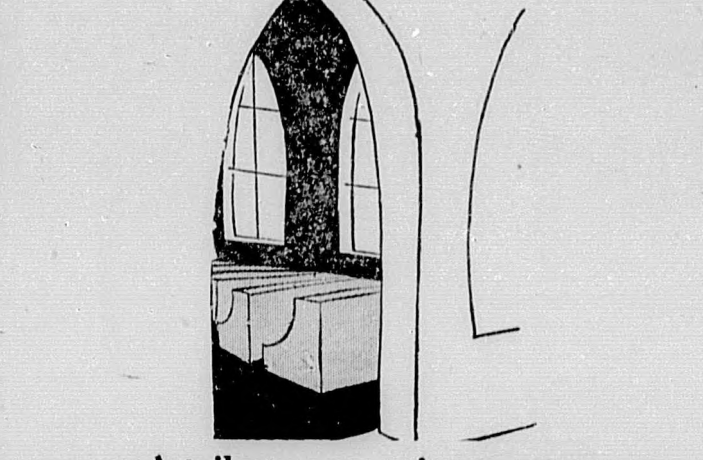
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A tribute to a loved one who has passed on.

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Mrs. J. M. Garrett Named Centennial Queen

By MRS. LAMAR RAINIER SR.
Mrs. J. M. Garrett will ride on the City of Elba's float wearing the crown of the Queen of the Centennial. Mrs. Garrett was born in Elba and has lived in Elba all of her life with the exception of the five years she lived in Sanford.

The Centennial Queen was Maggie Flournoy, daughter of J. E. P. Flournoy and Victoria Jeanette Lee of Elba. Her father was a captain in the Civil War and a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1872. Mr. Flournoy was a prominent lawyer in Elba.

Mrs. Garrett is also a niece of Judge P. D. Costello, one of Elba's most colorful figures in its early history. The late John Garrett was her husband and he was graduated from the University of Florida and taught there after receiving his degree. A prominent lumber man, Mr. Garrett had a business in Sanford for five years and then came back here in the same field. He organized the Citizens Bank of Elba and died March 30, 1943.

Daughters of Mrs. Garrett are Mrs. O. W. Bynum of Syracuse,

N. Y. and Miss Jeanette Garrett of Birmingham. A son, John, lives in Elba. Mrs. Garrett has two grandchildren.

She is a member of the Elba Methodist Church and a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and still active in church work.

The Centennial Queen has been called upon to serve on various civic and welfare committees. Besides civic work she is a charter member of the Elba Study Club.

MRS. BILLY HAM
Mrs. Billy Ham, the oldest living woman resident of Elba, who was born and has lived here all of her life, will not be able to participate in the Centennial Parade because of illness.

Mrs. Ham was Bonnie Rushing, the daughter of Dr. F. M. Rushing, a prominent physician and one of Elba's early probate judges. She is also a great niece of John Simmons.

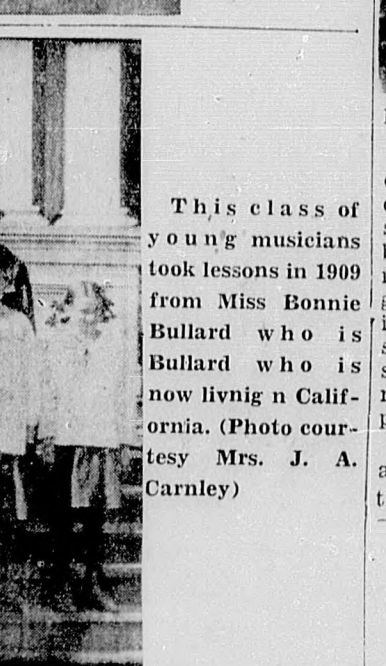
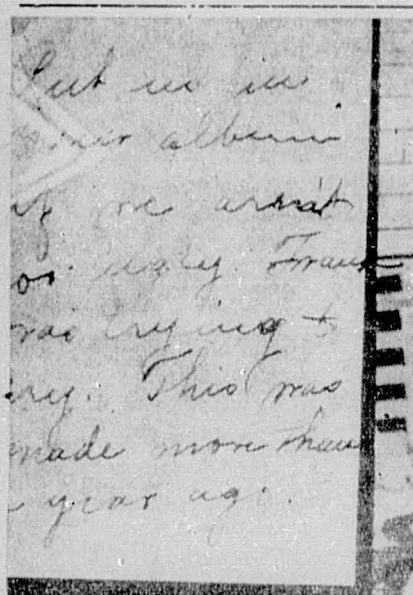
ATTENDANTS
Queens' attendants on the city of Elba float will be: Mrs. Mineola Leibert, who was

Mineola Rushing, the daughter of Dr. F. M. Rushing, one of Elba's prominent doctors and pioneer citizens. She was born in Elba and has spent the major portion of her life here, always lending a helping hand with a smile and kind word for friends and strangers.

Mrs. Ida Young who was Ida Terry of Geneva, daughter of Pamela Glemons, Mrs. Young went to school in Oark and married Joe Young at an early age. The couple moved to old Wellborn where Elba's first courthouse was located and homesteaded there. After several years they moved to Elba. Having lived here from 60 to 65 years, she and her late husband were fondly known as Aunt Ida and Uncle Joe.

Mrs. Jo Ann Flowers was Jo Ann Jackson, daughter of Tom Jackson, a pioneer Coffee County man. Mrs. Flowers is the oldest white woman living in Elba today. She will be 89 years old Jan. 4. Mrs. Flowers says the Lord has blessed her greatly and her physician is treating her to reach the age 100. Mrs. Flowers was not born in Elba but around Victoria.

Lamar and Frank Rainer carried around Elba with their dog and this wagon or tricycle in years gone by. (Photo courtesy of Lamar Rainer Jr.)



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Mrs. Lela S. Wier
I have been wonderfully blessed.

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Program Nov. 19 - 27

Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 19-20
Appointment to Danger
Alan Ladd
Comedy-News

Saturday Only, Nov. 21
CALL OF WILD
Clark Gable
Loretta Young
Serial-Cartoon

Sun.-Mon., Nov. 22-23
SCARED STIFF
Jerry Lewis
Dean Martin
News-Comedy

Tues.-Wed., Nov. 24-25
My Wife's Best Friend
Anne Baxter
MacDonald Carey
Cartoon

Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 26-27
TAXI
Dan Dailey
Constance Smith
Cartoon
Second Feature

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BEFORE YOU TAKE THAT OLD MEDICINE.

Think a minute... are you using it for the same condition for which it was prescribed... for the same person... is it still good?

Medicines prescribed by your doctor for a specific illness should be used only according to direction. These prescribed for one person should never be given to another. Old medicines may be ineffective, for time robs the potency of certain drugs and pharmaceuticals.

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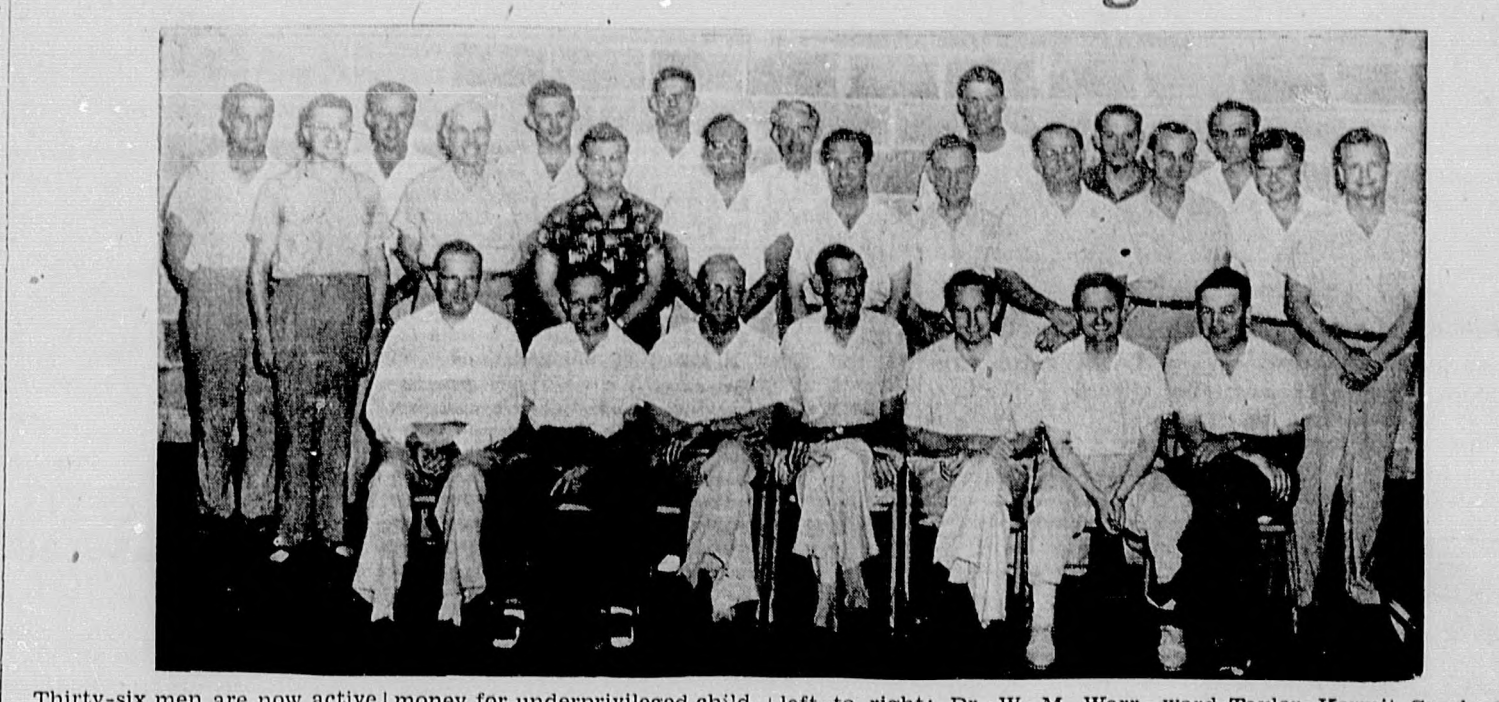
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Any length wood needed. See or call Jack Vest, Phone 422. 41p Nov. 12-19-26-Dec. 5

DOGWOOD WANTED

Lions Are Oldest Civic Organization



Thirty-six men are now active in Elba's senior civic organization—the Lions Club—Dr. E. M. Warr, president, said this week. Organized in November, 1936 the club has sponsored such activities as the Boy Scout Hut building, helped purchase school playground equipment, raised

money for underprivileged children's milk fund, helped with the band uniforms and instruments and was instrumental in getting 123 acres of land together for the Coffee County fish pond. A permanent project of the Lions is sight conservation.

Shown in the picture, seated left to right: Dr. W. M. Warr, president; Melvin Boomer, first vice president; J. D. Whitman, second vice president; C. O. Allen, third vice president; Dud English, secretary-treasurer; Lewis Stephens, tall twister; Ellis Brazleton, standing, Fleetwood; Dr. Leslie Johnson and Dr. Carnley, Wiley Stanford, Hay-James Clark.

The oldest, woman's organization in Elba is the Elba Study Club. They have been active in community and civic projects and have undertaken their full share of improving for Elba. Shown at their first meeting of this Centennial year in the home of Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf are, seated, left to right: J. C. Fleming, J. M. Garrett, F. H. Murphree, W. P. Windham, Gussie Hutchison, Fred Harper, standing, Mesdames W. M. Reisinger, Elvin Edgar, Fulton Spurlin, Murray Seay, M. A. Owens, J. O. English, Bill Armstrong, F. A. Farris, J. M. Kimmey, Wesley Ham, George Galtier, Neil Cooper, Lamar Rainer and Miss Mabel Brinson (Clipper Photo)

P-T-A.
The P-T-A. is an important organization that works for special projects in the different schools in Elba. The group has been particularly active in promoting recreation. In 1950 the group started a project of clearing the grounds behind the present school. Out of the hole and swamp they made a plot of land now used as a tennis court and play grounds.

Mrs. Kline Bentley, who was active in the P-T-A. and one of the main workers for the play grounds said everyone in Elba helped push the project to a successful conclusion. The council furnished a bull dozer while Dorsey Trailers contributed a crane to pick the tree stumps out of the mire. Many loads of dirt were hauled in by volunteers. When the job was finished the P-T-A. had taken its first step in providing a year-round recreation program in Elba.

Photographs show the development at the beginning with the hole and tree stumps and after all work was completed and a tennis court built.

AN OLD CANE MILL
A back view of the John Davis home shows the separate kitchen similar to that in all the homes in the 1800's.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY.
ELBA DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELLIS D. KING DECEASED
Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of Nov. 1953, by the Honorable J. O. English, Judge of Probate of said County in said State, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

ROY KING
Administrator of the Estate of Ellis D. King, deceased.
110w. 3f Nov. 16. Dec 3

CARD OF THANKS
We desire to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to all relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness of our beloved husband and father, Oscar Morgan. May God Bless all of you.
Mrs. Oscar Morgan and family.

BUSINESS EDUCATION
Our county High Schools should all have business departments. A business education is valuable and is recognized as necessary to the most successful business career. (Clipper, June 16, 1950)

Mrs. J. W. Kendrick spent Saturday in Brundidge with her daughter Mrs. Jack Dickert and family.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR
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COFFEE COUNTY

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Gene Tierney

Also
GOD'S COUNTRY
Robert Lowery
Helen Gilbert

Sun.-Mon., Nov. 22-23
Return to Paradise
Gary Cooper

Tues. Nov. 24
Cry of the Hunted
Wed.-Thurs., Nov. 25-26
NIAGARA
Marilyn Monroe
Vincet Price

CECIL Drive-In

Highway 84—Midway—Enterprise and New Brockton
PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 19-20
Affair in Trinidad
Rita Hayworth
Glen Ford
Com. The Mad Hatter

Sat. Nov. 21
The Last Musketeer
Rex Allen

Down in Arkansas
Weavers Brothers
Com. Owl and Pussy Cat

Sun.-Mon., Nov. 22-23
Stop, You're Killing Me
Boderick Crawford
Claire Trevor
News - Par.

Tues.-Wed., Nov. 24-25
The Rains Come
Myrna Loy
Tyrene Powers

Thurs.-Fri. Nov. 26-27
Scared Stiff
Dean Martin
Jerry Lewis



Members of the Three-in-One Study Club are, sitting, left to right, Mesdames J. D. Whitman, C. E. Dorsey Jr., L. A. Boyd III, N. B. Crestwell, H. B. Larkins; second row, Price Ringo, R. A. Sewell, P. G. Mathis, Sam Rowe, M. L. Seay, Elvin T. Edgar, S. J. Casey; back row, Miss Gladys Clark, Mesdames Fleetwood Carney, Levy Morrow, Sam Sawyer, William Bullard, Baxter Bryan, Getheral Pinckard and Will Kendrick and Miss Lillian Rowe. (Clipper Photo)

A group of young women met at the home of Mrs. Lewis Brooks on Thursday Nov. 22, 1953 for the purpose of organizing a Study Club. Mrs. John Brinson, Director of Sixth District of Ala. Federation of Women's Clubs, Alma Morrow, Elaine Morrow, Adhwa Prescott, Marion Campbell was elected chairman of the meeting. This club will meet for meals at the school cafeteria for underprivileged children. The following have served as presidents of the club, some for 2 successive years:

Mesdames Lewis Brooks, Fred Harper, Sam Rowe, Roberta Childs, Walter Whitman Jr., Greil Tullman, Thomas Ward, Claude Dorsey, Stokes Haire, Sam Rowe, J. W. Kendrick, Kimmey Dorsey, Doris Pinckard, and Miss Lillian Rowe, Gladys Clark and Kayran Campbell.

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The first car load of tractors ever shipped by rail into Elba arrived at the ACL station two weeks ago for Redmon-Windham Tractor Co. Previously, the tractors had been trucked over from Enterprise to the local Ford tractor dealer. (Clipper Photo)



Part of the crowd at the Zion Chapel Box Supper three weeks ago can be seen in this picture. An annual event staged this year on Oct. 22, the supper and crowning of a king and queen raised needed funds for the school. Usually around \$500 is made. (Clipper Photo)

Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau delegates representing Coffee County attended the Annual State Convention of the organization held in Biloxi, Mississippi, this past week. Voting delegates were: Huie Zepher, Tennille, Alabama, Route 1; Elmer Bryan, Elba, Alabama, Route 2; John L. Carney, Samson, Alabama, Route 1; Bob Perry, Kinston, Route 1; L. B. McCall, Enterprise, Route 1; J. C. Jones, Opp, Route 3; Mrs. B. L. Perry, Kinston, Route 1 and Mrs. L. B. McCall of Enterprise, Route 1.

The State Home Demonstration Council held their Annual Session at the same time. Others attending the Farm Bureau meeting and the Home Demonstration Council meeting were: Mrs. W. P. Windham, Elba, Alabama; Mrs. John Foster, Kinston, Alabama; Mrs. Bowdip Sessions, Samson, Route 1; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Allen, Enterprise, Route 1; Mrs. Jeanette McDowell, Enterprise, Alabama; Ed Donaldson, Elba, Route 3; and H. R. Byrd, Enterprise, Alabama.

A Resolutions Committee, of which Mr. Allen was a member, studied the proposed county resolutions prepared through a series of meetings in each county and drew up resolutions from these to represent the farmers thinking as a whole over the state.

Resolutions were presented to the entire group for their approval or disapproval and were approved by the majority of voting delegates at the convention. The Resolutions on prices and support drew dissatisfied comments from some of the delegates, however. It was passed by a majority as first started rather than with suggested amendments.

Among the many issues that came before the delegates was the decision on whether or not to raise the State portion of membership dues which would call for an increase in County dues. This was voted down by the delegates and Farm Bureau Membership dues remain at \$3.00.

Had the issue passed it would not have gone into effect until 1955.

The year 1953 proved an eventful one for Elba City Schools as they were brought under a city system. Members of the board of education for Elba were front row, left to right, James Wise and Charles Hayes. Back Row: Max Reeves, Solie Branson and Ed Kenarik. (Clipper Photo)

High water hit Elba sometime between 1911 and 1915. Mrs. J. M. Kimmey said when she brought these pictures to The Clipper. These pictures were taken at that time. Photo No. 1 shows the area in which the Ed Kendrick home now stands. No. 2 is the Holman Harrison home. No. 3 is a faraway view of the old footbridge between the Margaret Smith home and where Dick Brown now has a house. No. 4 shows the Old Smith home.

Photo No. 1
Photo No. 2
Photo No. 3
Photo No. 4

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LEGAL NOTICES

SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Coffee County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the school property, including the school building at the office of the County Superintendent of Education, Elba, Alabama, until 10 o'clock Nov. 20, 1931 at which time bids will be opened. The Coffee County Board of

Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids of said property.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, ELBA DIVISION IN EQUITY LUCILLE DEVANE, Executrix of ESTATE OF W. R. ROWELL, Deceased, Complainant VS. LEVY ROWELL, ET. AL, Respondents.

To Levy Rowell, W. C. Rowell and Billy Rowell

Notice is hereby given to each of you that Lucille Devane, Executrix of the Estate of W. R. Rowell, deceased, filed her petition in this Court seeking to sell the lands belonging to said estate for the purpose of paying the debts and for division of the remainder among the joint owners. You are therefore commanded to appear and file plea, answer or demurrer to said complaint on or before November 30, 1931, otherwise a decree pro confesso will be entered against you.

This the 27 day of October 1931, Gladys Clark Register

Missionary Talks To Church Club
The Elba Methodist Men's Club held their monthly meeting Monday night at the church. Forty-six men enjoyed a delightful supper served in their classroom. Following the supper, Richard

SHORT STORY

Happy Birthday Joe
By Mary Walters

THE fear lay like a cold, slumbering fire in Agnes. There was simply no cause for it, she kept telling herself—but it was there. She could not put it from her. She felt it more this morning with the wind whistling and howling around the small trailer house. She could take the car and run into town and spend the day with her mother, she thought absently, but there was the cake. Today was Joe's birthday and she had planned to bake the cake as a surprise. She got out the cookbook and mixing bowl. She thought of her fear—nameless, unreasonable—and she tried to shake it from her. She had spoken of it to Joe, but he had only been amused.

"Now, what's there to be afraid of, away out here, my sweet. No thieves, no robbers, just the birds and the trees and all this wonderful fresh air. No one ever comes this way—a tramp now and then. That's all."

"That's it, Joe," she said seriously. "I saw one a week ago. What would I do if one ever stopped at the trailer?"

"Feet! Feet! That's all! These old railroad tramps ever want a handout?"

Joe liked living at Fanning Crossing. He liked the loneliness, the freshness of the country, and being away from the crowds. She liked it too, in a way.

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He moved slowly, painlessly, going nowhere but always moving. Joe said—the life of the hobo. As he came closer she could see that he was an old fellow; dirtied, ragged with long, grey soiled whiskers.

And suddenly, with quaking clarity the cold hard fear that lay inside her rose up into a roaring flame. Terror consumed her body when with faltering steps she saw him leave the tracks and come towards the trailer house. She crouched by the window in panic. What must she do?

When she heard the knock she grew dizzy and felt a weakness come over her as if she might faint. She tried to gather her thoughts but they were all jammed together in a huge mass. What had Joe said? Feed him! He only wants a handout.

She rose and opened the door quickly and the man was as surprised as herself. He started to speak, but she gave him no chance. She turned quickly and picked up the birthday cake with its white and green icing—and with one quick, nervous movement she opened the screen and put the cake into the astonished arms of the wrinkled old tramp.

He mumbled something but Agnes did not hear him. His face was a mass of smiling wrinkles. She watched from the window as he made his way down the track a piece from the trailer, sat down on the cross ties and began to eat the cake.

Only then did she stir. She sat down in the nearest chair and burst into tears.

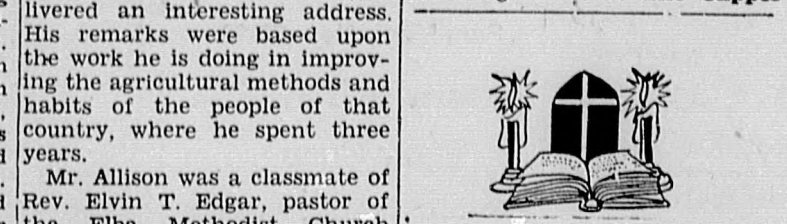
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ANOTHER JUDGE NECESSARY

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Occasion for this group getting together and having their picture taken is not explained, nor are all the persons identified. In the top row, left to right, are Mace Howe, Fannie Bryan and an unidentified man; bottom row, fifth girl over, is Ethel Farris, Theodora Farris, Mary Annie Ham and Lee Jage. (Photo Jack Brunson)

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By PAUL CUNNINGHAM

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Mr. Bedsole is a great-grandson of Thomas Bedsole who settled near Alberton in Coffee County over a century ago. Because Tatum had a hobby of collecting antiques and traced his ancestry back as far as possible, he became the custodian of all the family heirlooms. These include many items used by early Coffee County settlers.

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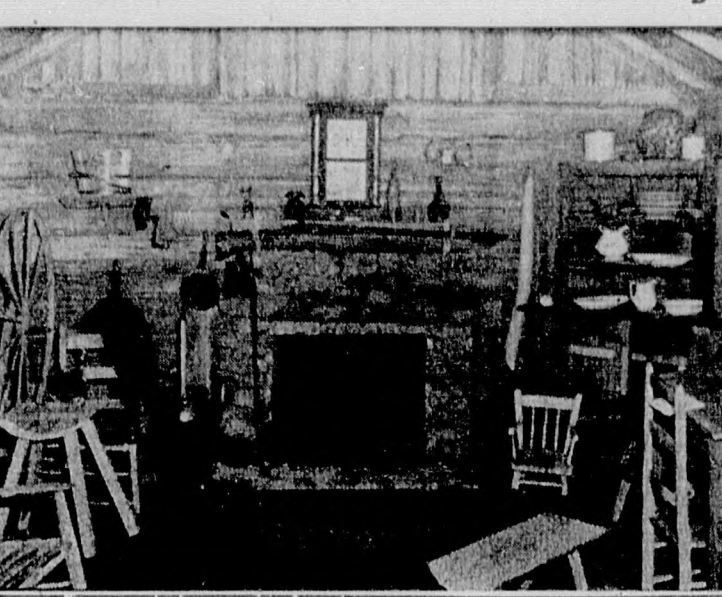
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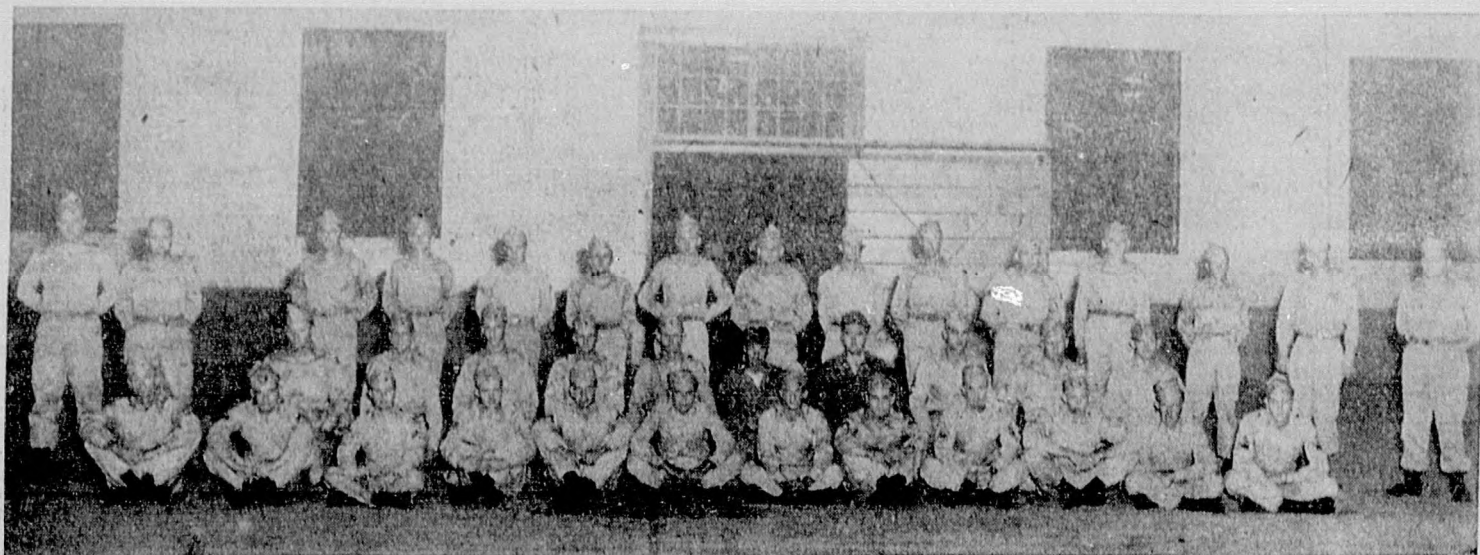
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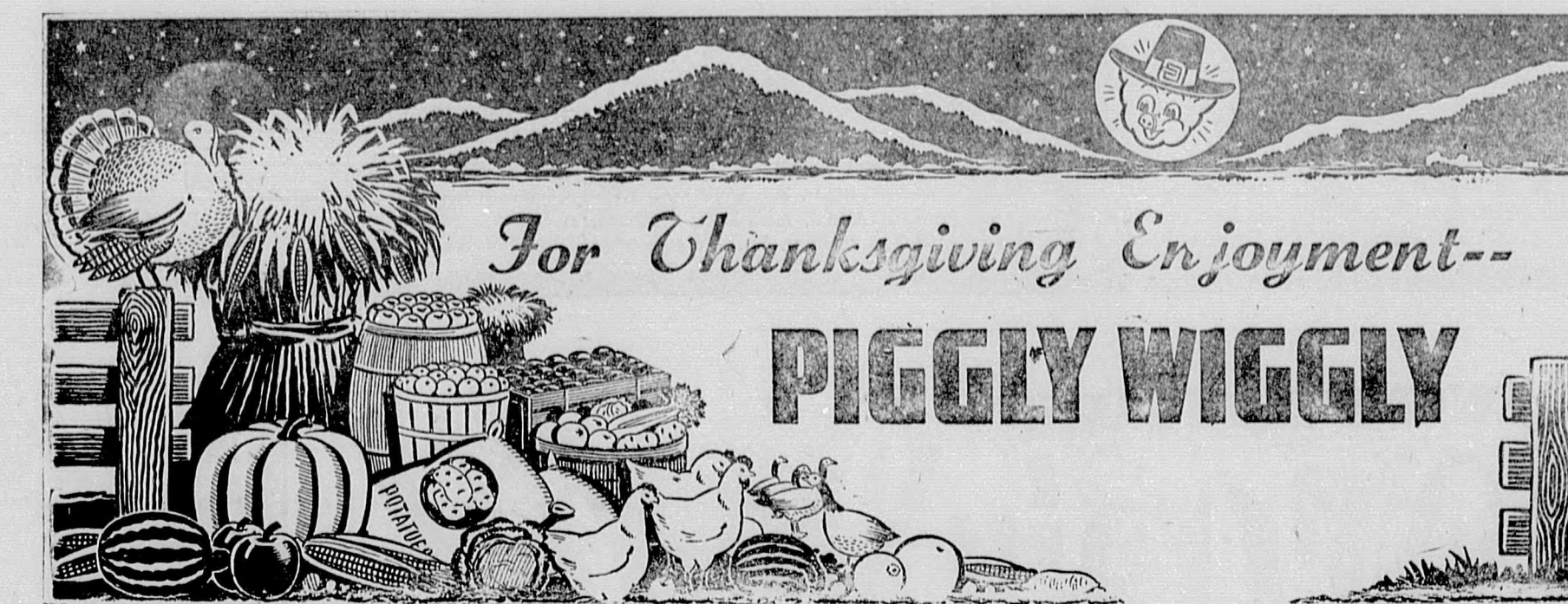
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Brunt of the work of picking out which man will go into the service and when falls on the boards in Coffee County and by the regulations laid down by Congress and ruling of the Selective Service System, they determine when a man will go. Government appeal agent from their decisions is Kline M. Bentley and medical advisor is Dr. J. M. Kimmy.

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Pound Bag

COFFEE 79c

Ocean Spray Cranberry

No. 303 Can

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For Holiday Cakes

SNOWDRIFT

3 lb. Can 79c
15c Coup. in ea can



(Makes 9-inch single crust pie)
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2 eggs
1 1/2 cups cooked pumpkin
1 1/2 cups large can undrained
Carnation Evaporated Milk
Combine ingredients until smooth.
Place in unbaked pie shell. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 15 minutes; lower temperature to moderate (350° F.) Continue baking about 35 minutes or until custard is firm.

Carnation Milk 3 for 39c

Stokely No. 303 PUMPKIN 15c

Betty Crocker Pie Crust 19c



PLYMOUTH SALAD

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CHERRIES

Dromedary Pitted 7 1/2 oz pkg. 25c

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Mixed Fruit Cake 8 oz Pack 29c

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OLIVES

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PEARS

Lustere White 15 oz pkg. 21c

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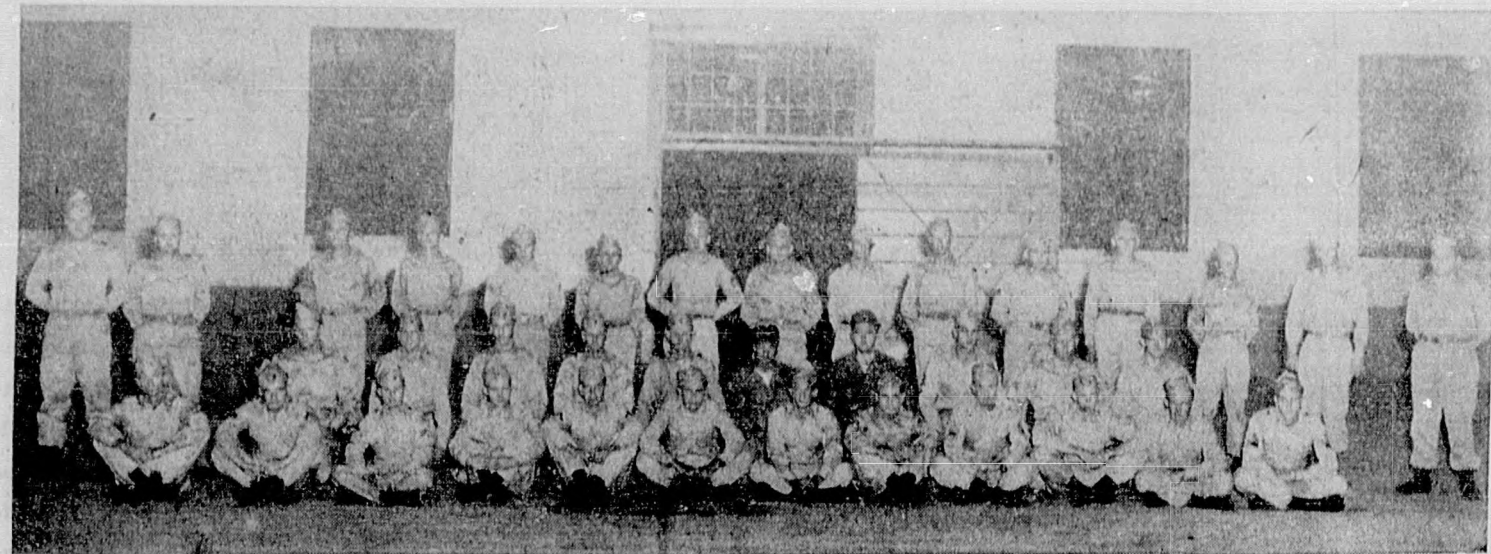
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A recent picture of Battery A, Bradshaw, Sfc. red Moore, Sgt. Reaves, Sfc. Randall Hataway, Collough, Sgt. Billy Devane, Sgt. Hildred Lee, Sgt. Glen Morris, Cpl. Hillard Allen, Sfc. Milford Ennis, back row, standing, Lt. Cpl. Ray Farris, Sgt. Otis Bowman, sitting left to right: M-Sgt. John Davis; second row, Pvt. Jee E. Clark, Cpl. Harry Hurd, J. L. Johnson, Pvt. Horace Smith, Cpl. Harold Brown, Sgt. Wallace Jr., Pvt. Paul Stroud, Sfc. Donald Stephens, Pvt. Charles Bowlin, mar. Daniels, Lt. Edwin Rudd, Pvt. Roy Glenn Maddox, Cpl. Smith, Pfc. Donald Rugg, Pvt. Lee, Sfc. James B. Owen, Sfc. Eskine, Hutchison, Pvt. Tim Donald McCollough, Sgt. Ernest John D. Blair, Pvt. Robert Mc-

(Clipper Photo)



This was the home John J. Eunora Farris. The children shown in the picture are Sara Farris Rainer, Frances Farris, Farris built for himself and bride 1883. It was remodeled in 1910 and is now the home of Miss and a grandson Joe Hutchison.

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We are glad to be a part of Coffee County and the Wiregrass! We hope the next 100 years will bring as much progress as the past 100 have!

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ELBA, ALABAMA



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Since coming to Elba High School three years ago as coach, Frank Buckner's football teams have had one undefeated season and have lost only six games out of 30 during the three seasons.



Mrs. K. D. 'Tommie' Thomason

MANY CANDIDATES
It is said that gubernatorial auditions are so thick about the mansion in Montgomery the Mrs. Comer can't throw out the dish water without drowning some little man. (Clipper, June 16, 1953)

Nothing is free—even a mar sporting a black eye has earned it.

Draft Board Has Thankless Job-No Pay

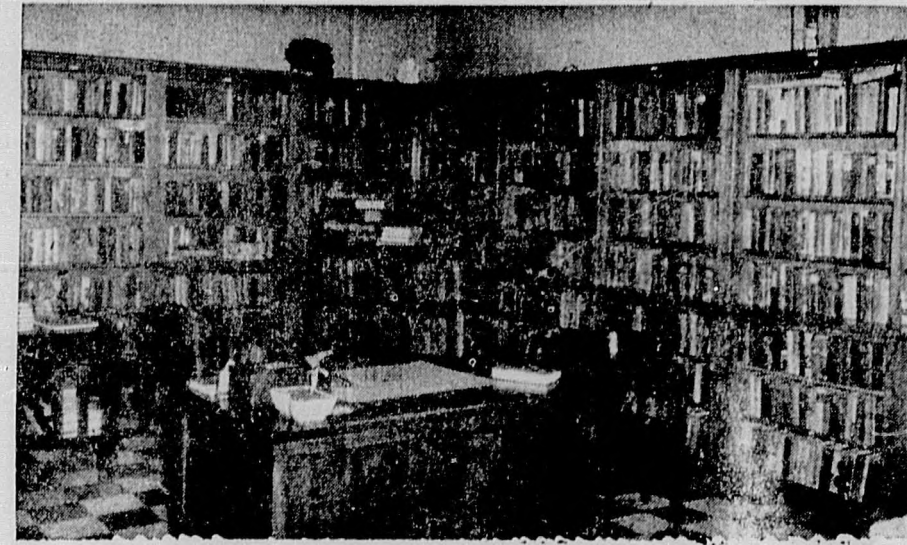


Present members of the Coffee County selective service board are: Miss Mary N. Davis, clerk; Max Reeves, Quentin R. Brown, Delmar Flowers and Hillary H. Hawkins.

Youth reaching the age of 19 think the world is mighty tough on them when it comes their time to go into the service for their stint of duty. Taking of Coffee County youth into the army started in 1941 but was interrupted for awhile before the cold war began in Europe and the shooting war started in Korea.

Brunt of the work of picking out which man will go into the service and when falls on the Selective Service Board. According to the regulations laid down by Congress and ruling of the Selective Service System, they determine when a man will go. Government appeal agent from their decisions is Kline M. Bentley and medical advisor is Dr. J. M. Kimmy.

People on the board serve without pay and are appointed by the President of the United States after being recommended by the Director of Selective Service.



Members of The Elba Study Club first had the idea of a public library for Elba in April, 1936. Taking the library as a project, the club first had a book shower in the home of Mrs. Lamar Rainer Sr. Each guest contributed a book and a library was set up in the home of Mrs. J. F. Brunson.

Sept. 14, 1936, the books were moved to City Hall with members of the Study Club and Three-in-One Club serving as librarians. From December 1936 until December, 1939, the library was operated as an NYA project with

A bankrupt stock of books from Montgomery was purchased in March 1937 by the City of Elba and combined with those on hand. The City granted librarians place in the City Hall.

In December 1939 a (WPA) project was secured for the librarians and two book binders. This was discontinued in April 1943. Since then, the library has been financed entirely by clubs, individuals and the city. Under the present arrangement, the library has continued to grow and services an ever-increasing number of patrons.

Five local board members are: Mrs. J. O. English, chairman; Mrs. Sam Rowe, Mrs. Lamar Rainer, Mrs. M. A. Owens and Mrs. Hayward Taylor. Mrs. Glennie Rowe Smith is present librarian. Their are some 4,000 books at the disposal of all persons and last year 7680 books were loaned to patrons.

Two times the library has been awarded the Thomas M. Owen Loving Cup of the Sixth District of Federated Clubs for its outstanding work in Library Extension Service.

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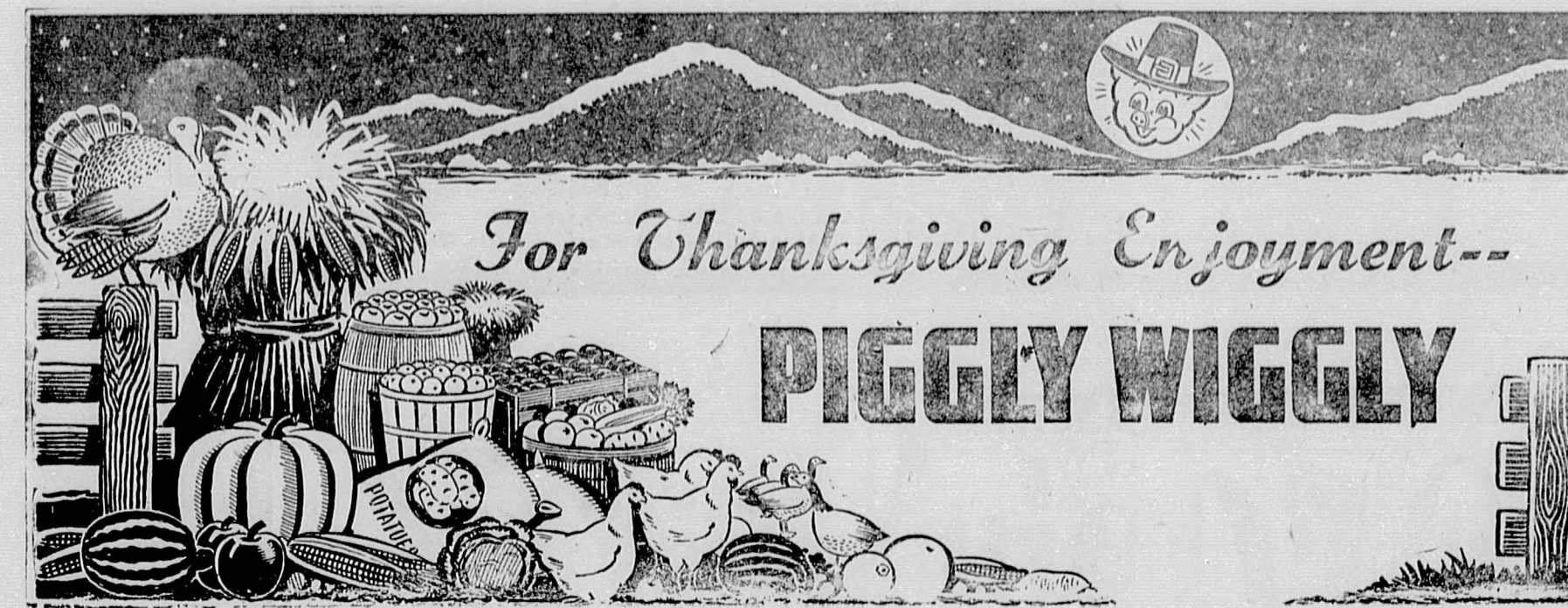
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HAPPY HOLIDAY

Enjoy the Luxury of Maxwell House

Pound Bag

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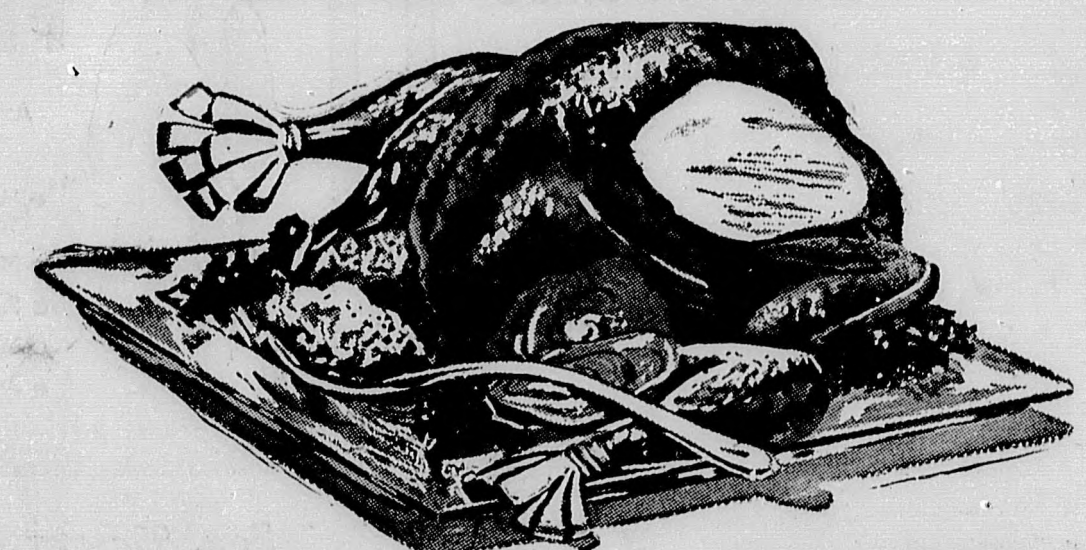
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RASINS

Though we give thanks for our country's founding fathers who made our great nation possible, Thanksgiving has come to mean a time of feasting. From the rich golden turkey down through the last scrap of celery, Piggly Wiggly offers you a wonderful variety of Thanksgiving foods at the lowest possible prices. There is quality in our foods and your family will heartily enjoy every tempting morsel from Piggly Wiggly!

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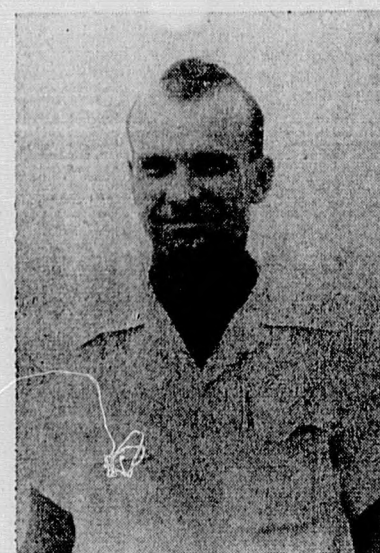
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CONGRATULATION ELBA ON YOUR CENTENNIAL

YOUR FORD DEALER . . . Salutes ELBA'S CENTENNIAL



This is a revolutionary year for Cannon Motors and for Elba. It is our second year in this great town whose 100th birthday we are observing. On March 1, 1952, Gerald Cannon purchased the Ford agency from John Garrett. From that time on, Cannon Motor Company began to grow, in one short year to a modern and progressive firm.



Gerald Cannon

Though we are a comparatively young organization . . . our line of Ford cars is one of the nation's pioneers. We are proud, too, of having a grand old pioneer in automobile manufacturing to represent in this grand old Centennial City of ours.

With this continuous rise in popularity and our service our business is continuing to grow and expand. We owe it all to Elba and surrounding area for this success and we pledge our never-ending courtesy and services upon which we have built our business.

Wallace Taylor
Parts Manager

... among people who want more for their money when they buy . . . and more money when they sell!

There's a big reason why more folks are buying more Fords than ever before. No other low-priced car offers so many of the things people want and need for today's driving. In fact, to get such "Worth More" Ford features as a V-8 engine, completely automatic transmission and fine-car power steering in any other car, you'd have to step well up from the low-price field.

Of course, Ford owners will discover that Ford's worth more when they sell it, too. Surveys of used car prices show year-old Fords returning a higher proportion of their original cost than any other car.

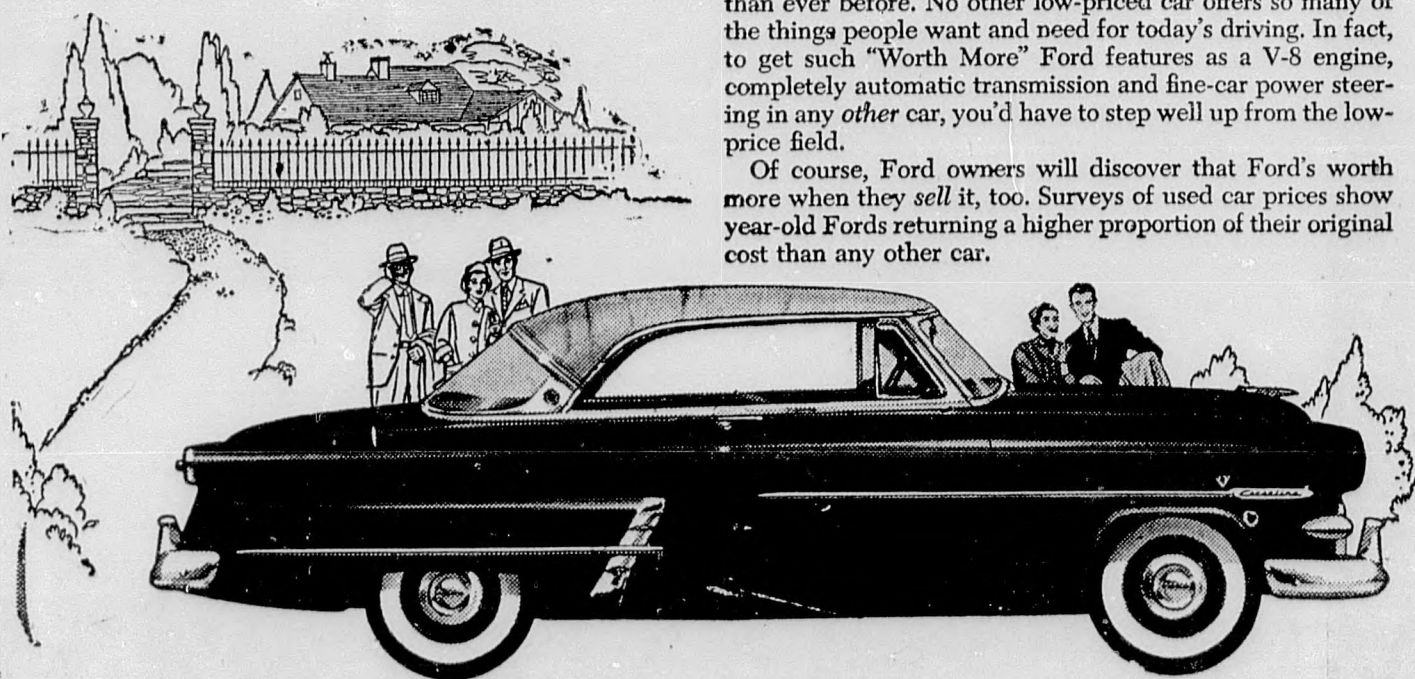
... more and more people are considering Ford as the one fine car in the low-price field.

It's hard to believe that a car which is built like the finest still sells in the low-price field. Yet a Ford with its huiltight Crestmark body, its Full-Circle Visibility (most in its field), its new fine car ride and roomy luggage locker (roomiest in its field) delivers at a figure that keeps it right down in its price class.

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POOR ORIGINAL

Friendly Parakeet Becomes Elba's Favorite Pet in Centennial Year

Parakeets, those friendly and colorful birds that have become one of America's and Elba's favorite household pets, have an entirely different set of social customs than their owners when living with a flock of their kind. According to Harold English, who raises them on his Game farm on the old Samson highway. Under certain circumstances that are carefully avoided by those raising parakeets, the females will fight each other until one is killed or until the nest of another and peck all the babies to death.

Normally a vivacious and playful bird, a parakeet can go on a tantrum that is fatal to competitors in the flock.

One thing Harold learned early in his experience with the birds is that it isn't good idea to have more females than males in a cage. The hens will start fighting among each other for a mate.

With such vigor that they will soon reduce their number down to where it equals or is less than the number of cocks in the cage. It is all right to have more male birds because they seem to take to living alone better than the females.

NEED EXCESS NESTS
Then when nests are placed in the cage, it is necessary to have more than there are pairs of birds. If one pair does not have a nest, they will fight the others until there are fewer pairs than the number of nests. Or if one pair happens to have some baby birds in a nest and another couple doesn't have a nest, the females will fight each other. In some cases the mother bird is driven away and the victorious battler will go in and peck the babies to death in order that she will have a place to lay her eggs.

By putting the nests in the cage or taking them out, the laying of eggs by the females can be controlled as easily as turning a light off and on. Without nests, the birds do not have any desire to set up housekeeping and start raising a family.

Within a week after nests have been put in the cage, the hens will start laying eggs. When the nests are removed, a few eggs are found on the floor for about seven days and then no more. In case the nests are left in the cage too long, the females will literally work themselves to death laying eggs and raising

the baby birds. Care has to be exercised by a person raising parakeets in order to keep his flock in a good shape.

Harold says one of the most interesting things to watch is when nests are put into a cage full of parakeets. Just like people shopping for a house, the couples will go from one nest to another, looking over every aspect of their home. They might be checking the roof for leaks, sides for insulation and softness of the bed, he said. They go down the line of nests, happily chirping to each other, hunting for their home. Battles when two couples pick the same nest are short-lived because more nests than pairs of birds are put in the cage. Thus, the losers have their choice of home.

PAPA FEEDS MAMA
After the eggs are hatched and the baby birds need food, an indirect route from the feed box to the little bird's stomach is used. First the male bird eats, then feeds it to his mate, who in turn feeds the young parakeets.

For the person who wants to buy a pair of parakeets and start raising them, Harold has discouraging information. Just a pair of the birds won't set up housekeeping. It is necessary to have at least two pairs before they will start raising families.

For the individual who wants to have a parakeet for a pet, there are several things to watch. First of all a single bird becomes more attached to its owner than a pair. A baby bird taken from his nest a day or so before he goes to join the flock knows no fear. Within a few weeks he will be riding around on a person's shoulder or finger. He will take right up with his owner.

A pair of birds devote themselves to each other and have a tendency to be wilder.

It is possible to teach a parakeet to talk. Mrs. J. O. English has a young bird taken from Harold's flock what says "Pretty Boy". Champion talker of all Elba parakeets is owned by Mrs. Ham. Her bird has quite a vocabulary. Mrs. Paul Cunningham has a young male that says something that can be interpreted as "Big Boy is a Pretty Bird".

LEARN TO TALK
According to different manuals, constant repetition of a phrase to the parakeet is necessary to teach him to talk. The first words are the hardest to teach. Males make the best talkers. When trying to teach a parakeet to speak, he should be kept away from all other birds. Then the book says never to scare the bird and make sure he knows you are fond of him. A woman's voice is easier for the bird to imitate than a man's.

Patience and a lot of repetition are necessary. One of the most important items is to get the bird as he leaves the nest. Few females parakeets are taught to talk.

For the person who likes colorful birds, a visit to the English Game Farm is a delight. Harold not only has a cage of parakeets but recently added a pair of cockatiels and a pair of African love birds. He hasn't had these long enough for them to start nesting but hopes to raise them. The cockatiel is a member of the parrot family and can be taught

to talk with more ease than a parakeet. The African love birds make colorful and pleasant pets around the house.

RAISES P.T. BULLS
Two other important items on the English Game Farm are pit bull dogs and quite a few cages of game cocks. Harold had bad luck with the first litter of pit bulls. The pups got worms and all of them died. Lineage of the two dogs Harold has for parent stock can be traced back eight generations on the pedigree he holds for them.

While pit bulls have been bred for generations as fighters, they make good pets around the house. They are not ferocious or bad around children. They do effective yep keep other dogs out of the yard, though.

A little known fact about pit bulls is their speed. Harold said he has known the dogs to run a rabbit in the field. They can't last long at the high speed

but make good sprinters.

The fighting cocks on the English Game Farm have been raised for several years and because they are a good strain have gained a reputation for their owner. Fighting cocks is a misdemeanor in Alabama and Harold doesn't take his birds to the pits. However, after they have been sold to followers of this ancient sport in other states and in Mexico, they have made good records for themselves.

Like many other persons with hobbies, Harold has parlayed an interest in birds and animals into a job that takes up a lot of his spare time. Whether the venture is profitable or not, is hard to say but it does create a diversion for the English family that takes their worries off the hum-drum of every day living. And in directly they bring a little bit of diversion into the home of others by selling the birds and other offspring of their parent stock.

Harold English is shown at his game farm in the parakeet cage. He has not been able to supply the heavy demand for the friendly little birds which can be taught to talk. The colorful plumage and playful antics of the bird have made them wanted in many households as a pet. Like the tad of working jig saw puzzles swept the country, lots of people now want parakeets. (Clipper Photo)

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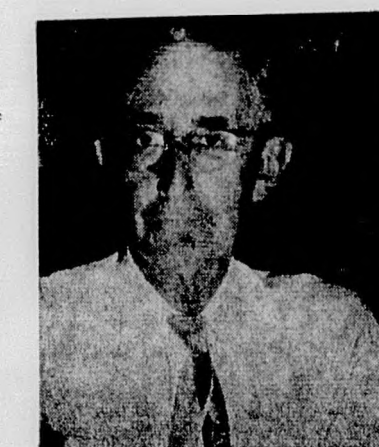
been a leading mercantile and retail outlet since

it was established in 1910 at its present location

near the ACL depot.

Elba was 63 years old when the Smith Brothers opened a retail mercantile and grocery store in West Elba. In 1910 they erected a building at its present location and have continued in business there through floods and droughts, good times and bad.

Smith Brothers is now 43 years old and has always tried to carry out the traditions established 43 years ago by its founders—they are that the enduring principles for successful retailing are quality merchandise at fair prices along with dependable service. These 43 years of business experience through 3 wars, booms and depressions, prove the wisdom of the founders.



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Elba, Ala.

BLEED THROUGH

"Hair Breadth Escapes" During Flood of 1888

(From an undated clipping from the Elba Clipper)

We are reproducing below an account of the flood which Elba experienced nearly 47 years ago, our information being that this flood occurred on the 19th day of March, 1888 and we feel sure that Clipper readers will be interested in knowing what happened during that time. The clipping does not bear any date marks, but evidently was written by some one who was in Elba at the time of the flood. The article was found in an old scrap-book, the property of members of the family of the late Judge Jesse M. Carmichael of Ozark, who was Circuit Judge at the time of the flood. The scrap-book was presented to the editor's mother, as a keepsake, by the Carmichael family.

While the articles does not bear any credit, it is presumed that it was published in the Southern Star at Ozark. The article follows:

FLOOD AT ELBA

Town 50 feet above low water mark; completely inundated; great destruction to property; hair breadth escapes and thrilling scenes.

Elba, as most persons in this section know, is the beautiful county town of our neighboring county of Coffee, located just below the confluence of White Water and Pen Rivers, two beautiful streams flowing within magnificent rock walls, which have been the pride of the village which nestles upon their margins, and the admiration of all who have visited the place. The town is full 50 feet above low water mark, and the most timid and apprehensive person



This was the scene around the Elba Court House square in March 1888 after the flood waters subsided. The structure shown here is still part of the present court house but wings have been added. At this time access to the upstairs was gained by stairs on the outside. (Photo courtesy of M. J. Lee)

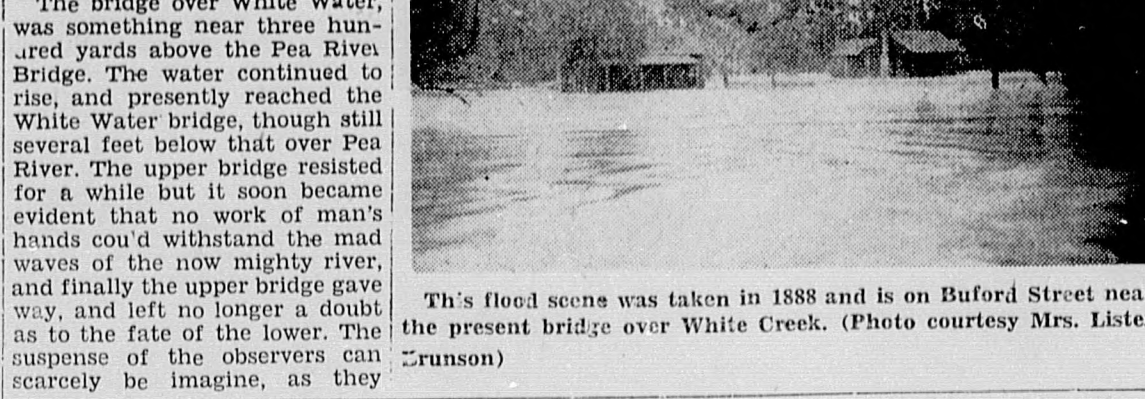
never dreamed of an overflow morning. The character of the rising, and fears were entered in the quiet retreat which took its name for the island of Elba, upon which the great Napoleon once dwelt for a short while. Court was in session, and many people were in town.

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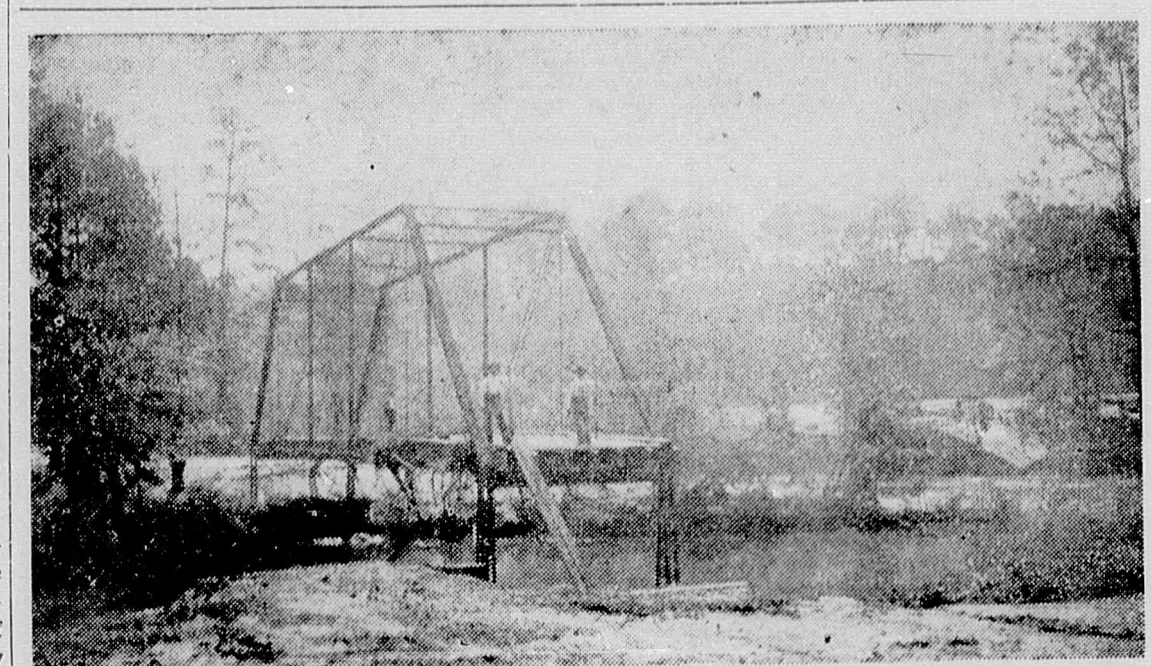
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BRIDGE GOES OUT

The bridge over White Water, was something near three hundred yards above the Pen River Bridge. The water continued to rise, and presently reached the White Water bridge, though still several feet below that over Pen River. The upper bridge resisted for a while but it soon became evident that no work of man's hands could withstand the mad waves of the now mighty river, and finally the upper bridge gave way, and left no longer a doubt as to the fate of the lower. The suspense of the observers can scarcely be imagine, as they



This flood scene was taken in 1888 and is on Buford Street near the present bridge over White Creek. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Lister Brunson)



All that was left of the White Water bridge after the flood in 1888 is shown in this picture. An account of the event stated, "... finally the upper bridge gave way ... and came madly plunging upon the bosom of the angry flood." (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Lister Brunson)

viewed the great structure, as it came madly plunging upon the bosom of the angry flood. Like some mighty battering ram or catapult, it came leaping upon the waters, as if anxious for the contact with its neighbor, which should prove the demolition. The shock came, and the attacking structure seemed for a moment to recede but the work was done, and both bridges floated away together.

Still the people of the town felt completely safe. Dr. Rushing resides in a beautiful and romantic spot, just upon the bank of the river. At about 12 o'clock it was observed that his residence was cut off, a thing which had occurred once before. An old colored woman on the place, was in most danger and to get attention was given first. There was but one boat and soon the danger was so great, it could not pass to the Doctor's residence. All eyes were fixed upon the threatened inmates, but the Doctor and his two sons, Gappa and John, and several friends were working like beavers and finally a rope was stretched so that the passage could be made, with less danger. But very soon the water began to creep up into the yards of others, and faces became more serious, and men and women began to say, "We never saw anything like this before." But higher and higher rose the waters, and greater, and momentarily greater became the danger.

TOWN UNDER WATER
By half past one o'clock the whole town was under water. Then the exodus began in good earnest. Horses, buggies, wagons and pluck were brought into requisition rapidly for all saw that the quiet heartiness was no longer places of safety, and that the household treasures must be abandoned to the mercy of the floods. The men did not lose their courage, use the women and children become excited, but with a coolness and determination without reference to sex, for which southern blood is noted, the world over, they met their tremendous responsibility, each his place.

Every man and boy could be seen dashing through the water, with horses, buggies, wagons and without them. The children came down so suddenly that men and women were almost dazed, and many of the women, with their arms outstretched, were crying for help. The shouting and shouts of the men and women, the creaking of wheels, the splashing of horses and the murmuring and groaning of the boiling, seething floods, a scene was presented so thrilling and startling in its every feature that none who beheld it, need ever expect to see its like again. But the work of escaping and rescuing others from the dangers, went on hour after hour, while the waters continued to rise and dangers to those yet surrounded, to multiply, as the moments elided along.

A little hill four hundred yards from the court house, upon which reside Dr. Hill, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. May and Mr. Lee promised a safe haven and to this all turned. Arrived soon the bulk of the citizenship of the town were upon Prospect hill. Then came the fear engendered by

the possible fate of those not yet out of harm's way. Reports were continually flying to the effect that this or that man was drowned, or that this or that family were probably cut off, and would be lost.

Finally all seemed to have reached Prospect hill, except a few persons in the upper stories of Bell & Collins stores. These remained during the night, some from choice and others from necessity. The lights in these several places of refuge, viewed across the waters reminded one of the beacon in the lighthouse upon some storm beaten shore of old ocean.

WOMAN RESCUED

About 9 o'clock at night a woman's voice came wafting across the waters crying for help. "Who is that?" "It's ...", was the reply. "Why did she not escape while she could?" She had nowhere to go. (She was said to be a woman of ill repute.) "Well she is a human being," said some one, "and she must be saved." So the boat was manned and away across the mad waves it went and was rescued. Later still, a negro was rescued. And then all began to seek some rest from the toils and excitements of the day. Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Roberts, Dr. Hill, Mr. Horner, Mr. Lee and Mr. May and their estimable wives and daughters, no one suffered but all were objects of their kindness. Many of the men, adopting old-fashioned style, lay around the fires on the ground. The next morning the waters were slowly receding, and by evening most persons would return to their homes.

Those which met the eyes were distressing, indeed. All fences, palings, doornails and the like were gone. The ruins, wrecks, and driftwood lay everywhere—prominently right in front of residences. The water had overflowed dwellings and store houses—great damage was done to household goods and merchandise. Gardens were all destroyed and many stocks and nearly all were destroyed.

Charles Pace, a most excellent faithful colored man was drowned, the only human being who lost his life.

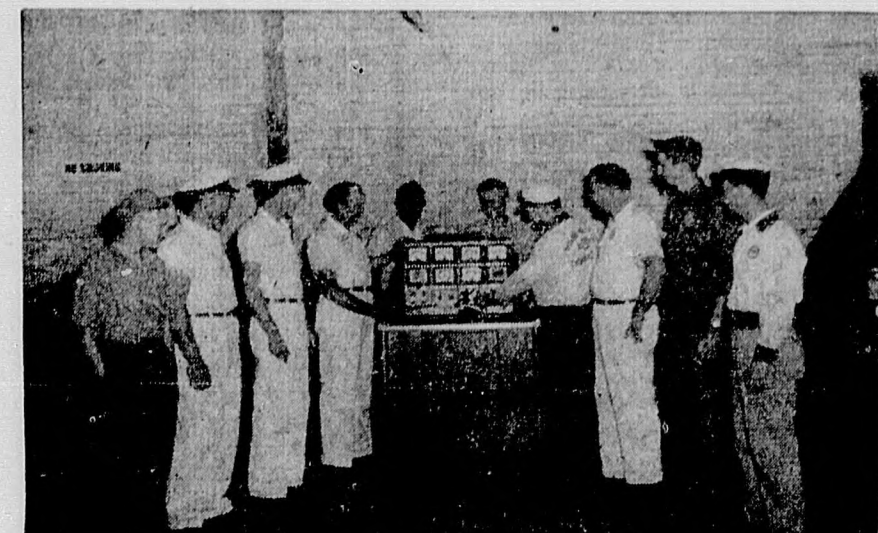
He was the most people of the town is irreplaceable. But it might have been worse, the flood had come in the middle of the night, and the people would have lost their lives. As it is they lost their property, but not their spirits and good humor.

EDITOR PLEADS "NOT GUILTY"
A Carley wrote in the Jan. 1914 Clipper, "The Dothan Eagle does not desire to misrepresent The Clipper when it says: 'A Brave Editor Wrote This,' and then credits to The Clipper the following: 'It was not intended in the beginning that woman should take to the water. In the world when woman is franchised in America there will be many hopeless children and ruined homes.'—Elba Clipper.

Now, dear Eagle, don't give credit where credit is not due. We like to be called brave and noble, but we do not care to be called in the attitude of a daring, senseless man. We didn't say it.



have gone a long way since 1911



E. W. "Pop" Crosby heads the service department. Thousands of dollars have been spent by Dorsey Bros. Chev., Inc. to give these experienced mechanics the best tools to work with. Good technicians with the latest equipment insure you of a good repair job at Dorsey Bros. Chev. Looking over a machine that tests the car electrical system are, left to right, Pete Messick, Harold Fuller, E. W. Crosby, Jr., Louis Stringer, Buck Grantham, Hollis Mathis, Jimmy Goodson, John Farris and Coston Kelley.

What makes for success in the automobile business? Dorsey Chevrolet believes that success is due to giving the customer pleasurable service. A customer buys a car or truck to use ... and we want him to be satisfied by keeping it in good running order. For that reason, we demand that you get quick, efficient service when you bring your car to us. Serving you in the past has been a pleasure ... we sincerely hope our service has gained your future patronage. We wish to thank all of our customers who have done business with us in the past 30 years whom we give credit for our success.

CHEVROLET ADVANTAGES are the Greatest



CHEVROLET PRICES are the Lowest of any line in its field!

Dorsey Bros. Chevrolet Inc.

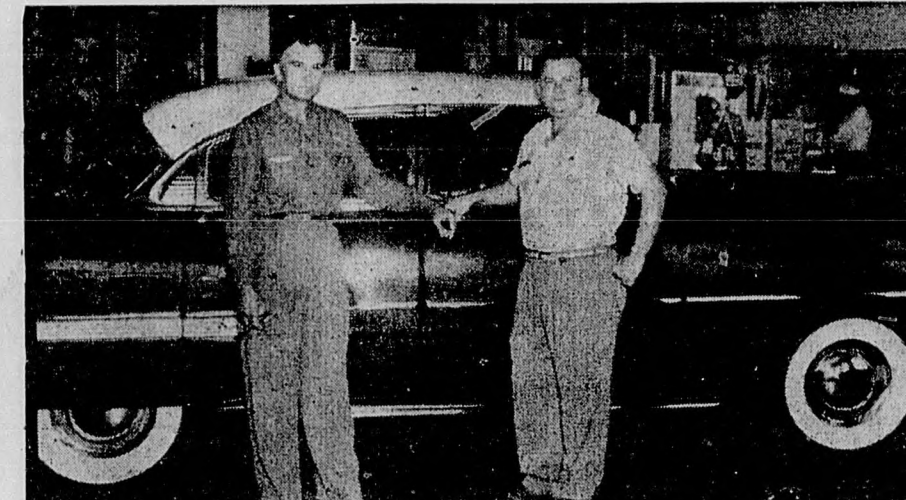
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Cataloging and keeping track of the thousands of parts in the Dorsey Chevrolet stock room keeps Roy Fuller and Roy McDowell busy. A complete stock of parts is carried for the convenience of Dorsey customers.



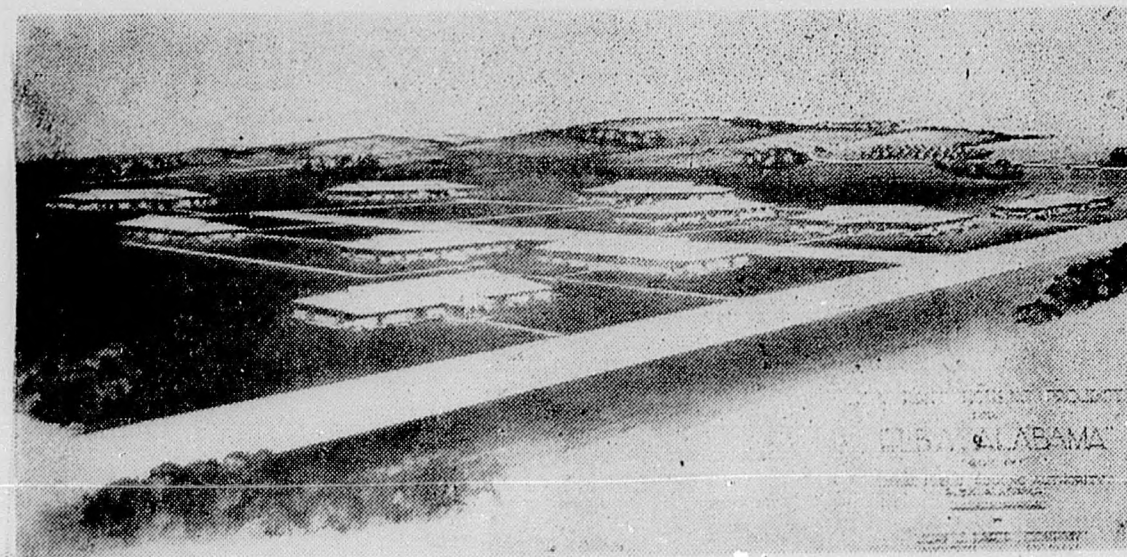
Two members of the Dorsey sales force are Eugene Marler and "Coot" Gantham. Shown with a new model Chevrolet, these two men also work on the used car lot.



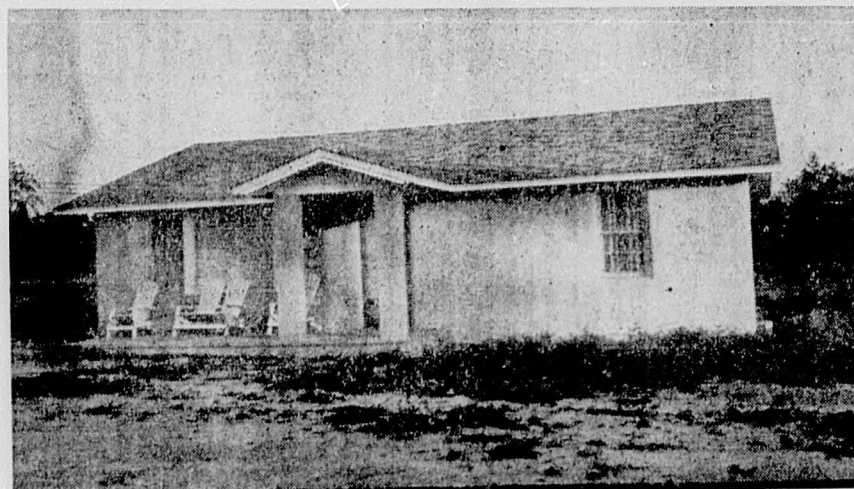
Day or night wrecker service is offered at Dorsey Chevrolet. In keeping with the policy of providing the latest and best equipment for their personnel the management purchased this late model wrecker.

Since 1952 We Helped Build Elba

Elba Building & Supply is proud to have played such a big part in the town's construction activities in the few short months we have been in business. Our concrete blocks and other products are built to serve this and coming generations in West Coffee County.



After undergoing rigid laboratory tests, concrete blocks made in Elba were authorized for use in the 26-unit Government Low-cost housing project about to be completed here. High standards demanded by government specifications were bettered by our products. Elba Building and Supply furnished 7,000 full-size concrete blocks and 60,000 partition blocks for this project. We are proud to have been a big cog in this important building activity in our community.



Strong homes build a strong community and a strong nation. From the security of each family, future generations of Americans come forth to help build their community and country. Like their forefathers, they try to make their homes strong and lasting. One hundred years ago long-dead pine and logs went into a house. These dwellings lasted a long time but the new generation has a superior building product in concrete blocks. Built to last, they are termite and weather-proof. Maintenance costs are held down and at the same time a modern look is acquired. Danger from fire is held to an absolute minimum. If you are planning to build anything from a garage to 26-unit housing project, investigate the all-around utility of concrete blocks.

We also furnish:

- ★ Concrete Culverts
- ★ 12" 15" & 24" X 4 feet
- ★ Drain Tile - 12" X 4"
- ★ Sand and Gravel
- ★ Cement
- ★ Partium Blocks

Elba Building & Supply

Elba, Al

POOR ORIGINAL

BLEED THROUGH

State Rights Democrat Published Here in 1858, J. A. Carnley Writes

(From the May 2, 1929 issue of The Clipper)

Enterprise, Ala., April 29, 1929, Editor, Elba, Clipper.

I wish to commend you for your achievement in publishing at all and so soon after the flood "The Elba Clipper" and to hand you a letter from Dr. J. O. Colley of Troy. Speaking of the copy of April 18, 1929, Dr. Colley writes me "that copy of the Clipper should be placed in the archives of our State. It really is an historical document."

The thing which is so wonderful to me is that you could and did so soon after the disastrous flood in Elba resurrect and rehabilitate the Clipper plant and publish a paper. I must say that any one who viewed the wreckage in the building after the flood could not see how you have done so well. It takes spirit, courage, and determination of any editor and force to undertake such difficult tasks.

I want to tell you, too, that this issue, the first after the flood, reflects credit upon our town and people. And this standard is entirely maintained in your last issue of April 25. I bespeak for you great success in the future.

The Clipper of the issue of April 18, 1921, is filed in my desk with an Elba, A. A. issue of the "State Rights Democrat" which was published in Elba on April 17, 1858, just 71 years and one day older than your first issue after the Elba flood last month. It is interesting to me to handle these two papers together. The old paper published in Elba 71 years ago survived the Elba flood of

1858 and again of March 14, 1929. It was 30 years old when the flood came. In 1888, and 71 years this time.

Renzo, it is the paper I gave you a story about for publication nearly two years ago, and you published it. Mr. Jack D. Lee handed this old paper to me and told me that he got it out of his father's trunk. I had kept the paper in my desk in Elba and it was found in my steel desk after the flood. It is yet wonderfully preserved. I think it and the Elba Clipper issue published 71 years later should go together in the department of archives and history.

When this old paper was published in 1858 there had been no Civil War. The great issue was then before the country, and that accounts for the title of the paper, "The State Rights Democrat." Mr. A. L. Milligan was editor. This issue is Number 1 of Vol. 4. The slogan of this paper was "State Rights and State Remedies, The Rock of Our Political Salvation."

There are many things in the issue which are interesting, now being ancient history in this country. There is a proclamation by the President, James Buchanan. There is an advertisement of "Graham Illustrated Magazine." There is an article on the proper observance of "The Sabbath." It is good advice today, yet modern, warning people to keep holy the Sabbath Day.

There is a humorous article about "How Sut Lovensgood Expended." There are ads for sale of negroes on commission, negro slaves



Members of one of the first graduating classes at Elba High School that was large enough to warrant having formal graduation ceremonies are shown above. They were graduated in 1910. Standing, left to right, are: W. W. Benson, superintendent of schools, Will Brunson and John J. Farris; seated, Annie Blue (Mrs. Waters), Claudine Rushing (Mrs. Crosby, Winter, Ga.), Clyde Kimney (Mrs. J. O. English), Jessie Ham of Birmingham, Fannie Grimes (Mrs. Malcom Harper), Etta Lee (Mrs. Ga.), Alice Stark, Olive Kainer (Mrs. V. J. Elmore), E. de Rowe (Mrs. Henry James of Enterprise), and Annie Donaldson (Mrs. Lee Page, Samson) (Photo Courtesy of Miss Mabel Brunson.)

being a commodity in those days. Geneva was then in Coffee County, and Mr. Alexandria Monroe carried an ad for his blacksmith shop there, with the picture of an anvil and hammer. This paper contains lawyers

cards in Troy, Enfield, Newton and Elba.

At the time this paper was published in Elba, there had been no flood since the county was established, of which we have any history. At that time we had not had the Lincoln flood or the Lincoln election. I have heard something of the Lincoln flood.

In 1858 Elba had been the county seat only five years, and P. D. Costello was the Probate Judge, and A. B. Moore was Governor of Alabama. At the time Elba S. Shorter was Congressman of the 3rd District. R. P. Brooks was sheriff and there was no slave named Charles, "of black complexion, about 25 or 26 years of age, with an upper front tooth out, about 5 feet 6 inches high."

There is a lengthy medical ad by G. W. Graham, M. D., under the following heading: "Important Discovery! Consumption and all Disease of the Lungs and Throat can be Cured by Inhalation."

There is much in the paper which is interesting, and it was an excellent county paper in those days. Just five years before it was published Elba had become the County seat, having won the election in the County over Indigo Head (Now Clintonville) by 58 votes.

I expect to give some notice of sale by the sheriff of a negro. This valuable history of Coffee County should be preserved for future generations and a history and description of the Elba flood in March 14, 1929. It is my wish to publish a book before long. Newspaper, especially the Clipper, have done much to preserve things which the people would not remember, and I am saving old copies of the Clipper, running back to 1858. I would like to have the issues of other papers published in Elba.

Sincerely yours,
J. A. Carnley.

Serving ELBA in Peace and War Fire & Emergencies for 8 years



This week is United's eighth and busiest birthday in Elba.

What began as an exchange of 240 subscribers in 1945, has grown to a communications system of more than 403 telephones serving one of the most progressive cities in Alabama.

Elba's dial telephone system—as up to date as any in the world—is part of a vital network that covers the nation and extends to most of the world's telephones.

This country has grown in answer to the needs of a people. And it's good thing it has. In these threatening times, telephone lines that bind this country together are more essential than ever. For today they are helping to speed production and guard the nation's security—jobs that call for nothing less than the best telephone service in the world.

United
TELEPHONE COMPANY

Saluting Elba's 100th Anniversary. Your telephone company joins the entire community in observing Elba's fine record of growth and achievement.

United Telephone Co.

After Taxes--10c per Hour

By PAUL CUNNINGHAM
Elba's Centennial Year—1953—is known as one of peak prosperity with full employment, high wages and still higher prices. This year the cost of living hit and all-time peak. But with most employees protected by the 75c minimum wage law, there was nothing to worry about or was there?

In this Centennial Edition, the plight of the married working woman with children, should be put on the record. Take the case of our neighbor who has two pre-school age children. She has a knowledge of shorthand, typing and book-keeping as well as several years practical experience in responsible positions. To supplement the family income, this young mother took a 40-hour-per-week job at the wage of 1.05 per hour. Some old timers think a salary this high for a woman would make their forefathers turn over in their grave. Instead the departed ones do a little arithmetic and decided maybe the \$1 a day they got for working from sun up to sun down wasn't such a bad salary after all.

Here's how it actually works out. Because she claims no dependents the married lady has \$9 in taxes, social security and health insurance deducted from her pay check before receiving it. Then it cost her \$11 a week to have the children cared for while she was working. That left the startling amount of \$22 to supplement the family budget. Lack of time to devote to household management and buying would cut this down even more as expenses for food went up. Figuring \$22 actual money in the pocket, the young lady was receiving the stupendous amount of 50c per hour for her work.

Now great-grandpa would like to have earned this in 1853, but not today. Compared to 1853 the purchasing power of the dollar is probably 25 per cent of what it was then. This makes our young mother on the same wage scale as great-grandpa, figuring

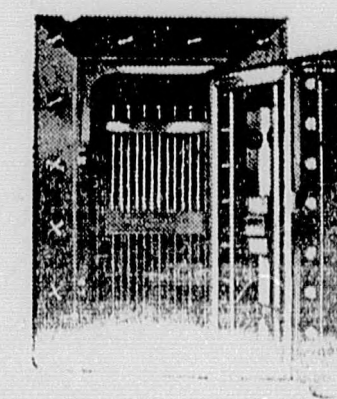
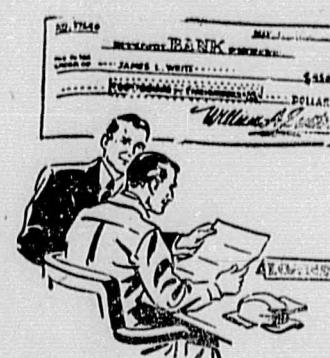
ENTERPRISE PAPER SOLD

Editor R. C. Reese has sold the Enterprise Journal to I. B. Hillson and Editor J. A. Carnley has sold the Elba Clipper to R. C. Bryan. The retiring editors, have doubtless acquired large and juicy fortunes through their newspaper ventures, evince a never disposition in retiring to allow others to grow opulent—Geneva Reaper, March, 1914.

SELLS DRUG BUSINESS

W. T. Whitman sold his interest in the Tucker Drug Co. to J. T. Blue March 6, 1914. B. Ham will be associated with Mr. Blue in the store.

Since 1938 Advancing to a Better Future With Elba



The Elba Exchange Bank is now equipped with the best fixtures money can buy. They are modern in every detail and were designed for the convenience of the banking public. For comfort of our patrons, the building has been air conditioned during the summer months. When the cold weather sets in, steam heat will warm the building.

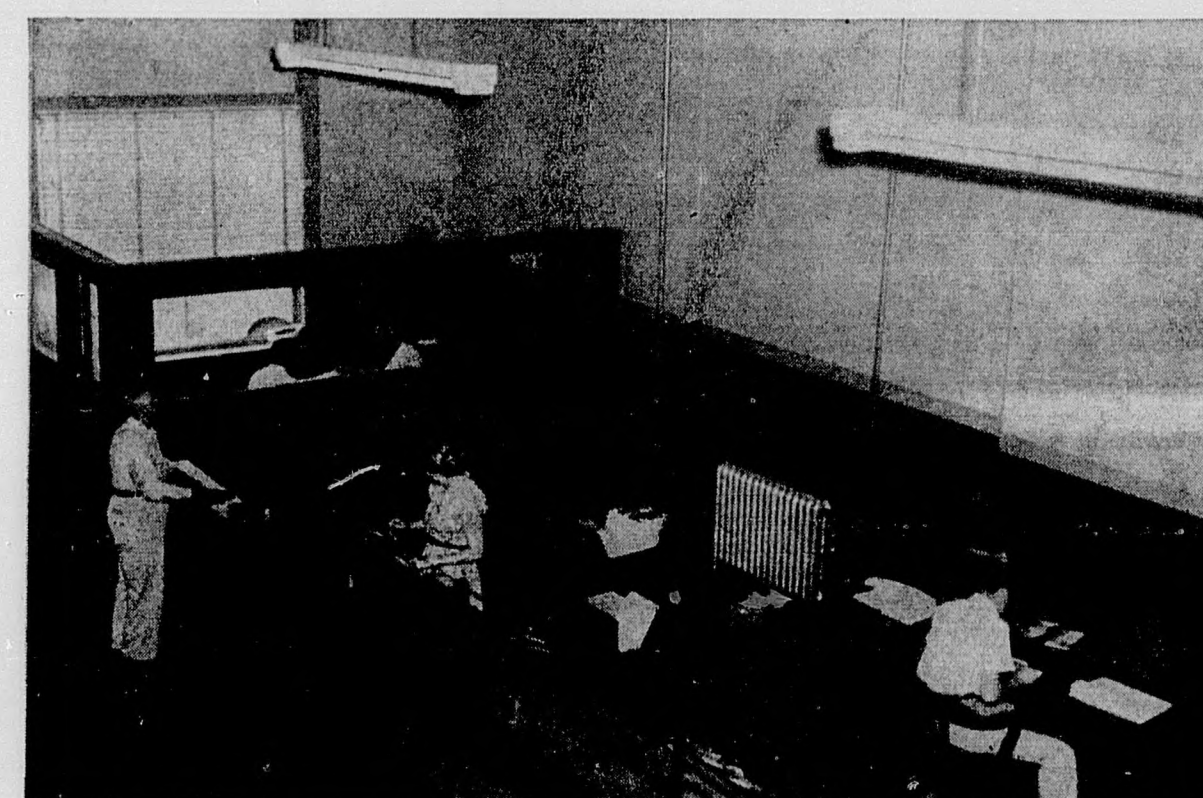
The modernized fixtures match the services Elba Exchange Bank offers. Shopping and paying bills by check is the modern, safe and convenient way with an Elba Exchange Bank checking agency that could be lost and it gives you an accurate record for your expenditures. It takes only a few minutes to open a checking account so stop in soon and let us explain the many advantages to you. Start now doing your business the convenient way with an Elba Exchange Bank checking account.

STOP IN AT THE
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ELBA EXCHANGE BANK

Your progressive City of Elba and your Elba Exchange Bank have pioneered together through the years to give you a modern city and the finest banking facilities available. This record has been achieved not overnight, but by continuing determination of the leaders of the community to make this a pleasant, profitable place in which to live. Our interest has been solely in the progress of the community, because a bank can only be as prosperous as the people we deal with. Our constant endeavor is to assist in strengthening the position of the individuals of the area and of the community itself.

Co-operating Always With Community Progress



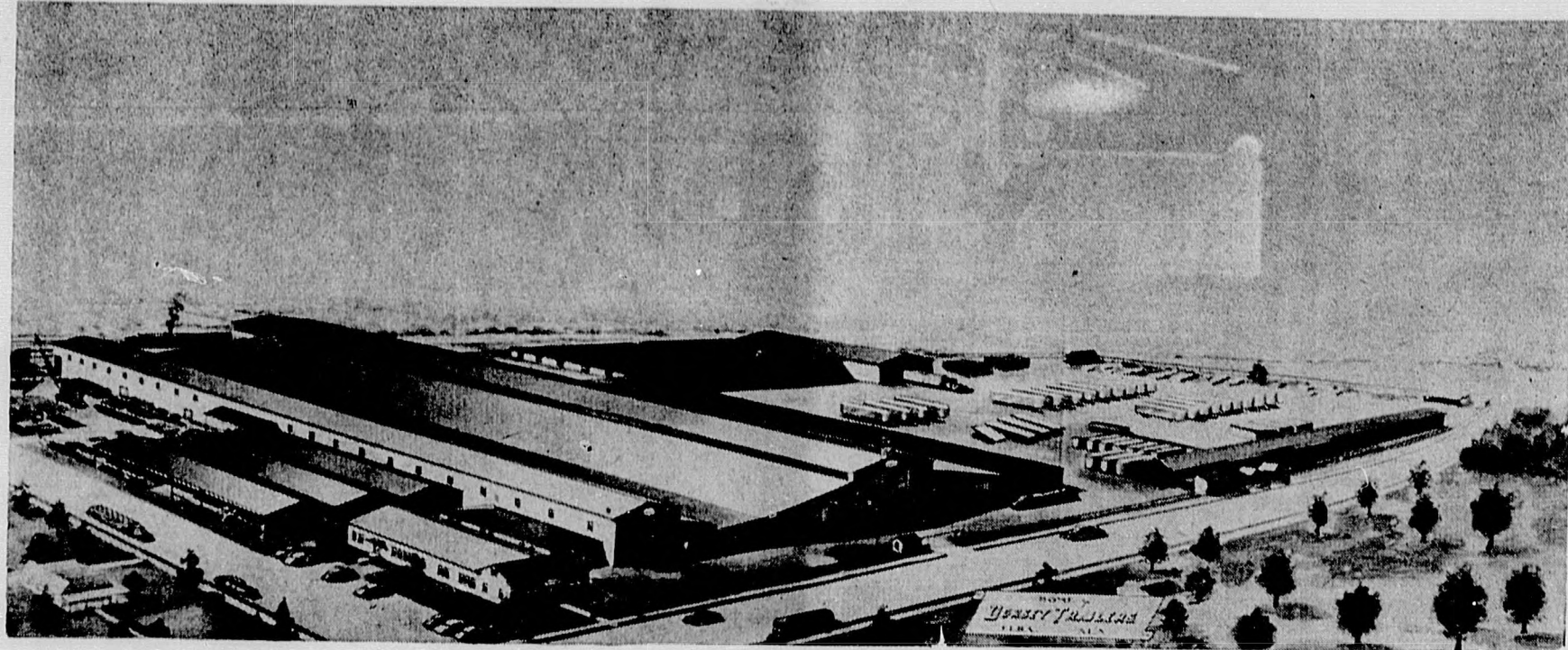
We are proud of the improvements made in our plan facilities and want to show them off to everyone in this trade area. Visit this bank, see our set-up and see how much better we can now serve you than we could in the past.

Two entirely new services have been added. For the first time safety deposit boxes are now for rent here on a yearly basis. Keep your valuable locked in a safe place by renting one of these. Free public use of our mezzanine room is also being offered. If you have an important business discussion to hold with anyone, take advantage of their-conditioned comfort of this room, which overlooks our lobby. School children can watch from overhead and see full operation of the bank.

POOR ORIGINAL

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...FOR A GROWING CITY



...AN EXPANDING COMPANY

Dorsey Trailers History

Starting in 1911 the Dorsey Brothers, Claude E. Sr. and Henry A. Dorsey, opened a small machinery repair shop. Main business at first was the repair of sawmill machinery but as automobiles replaced the horse and buggy, the machine shop became Elba's main car repair center. As a natural outgrowth, the Dorsey Brothers soon acquired their first automobile dealership. At the same time they were growing with the country's auto industry, the machine shop tied its work in with the extensive logging operations being conducted at that time. The brother-team designed, manufactured and marketed a stump puller and log skidder which were and still are used throughout the world. These stump pullers were used in Europe, Asia, The Philippines, Cuba and South America.

During the hard times of the early 1930's Dorsey's began to experiment with trailers to haul logs. As general economic conditions improved in 1933 and 1934, the company started to manufacture logging trailers in earnest. The product found ready acceptance and by the outbreak of World War II, 125 persons were employed at this plant.

Between the time Dorsey started building logging trailers and the outbreak of World War II, the firm entered the highway transportation field and established a network of distributors in many states and foreign lands.

During World War II, Dorsey's expanded plant facilities were devoted entirely to the manufacture of trailers and trailer axles for the armed forces. The Army, and Navy "E" was awarded the firm for outstanding accomplishment.

When the conflict ended and brought a stop to the flow of government orders, Dorsey's converted to full-scale production of commercial trailers of all types. By 1944 employees numbered 240.

An aggressive sales force captained by J. V. Wright, with the company since 1912, wide acceptance of Dorsey Trailers by the trucking industry and generally favorable economic conditions pushed Dorsey's to the fore in the trailer manufacturing field until they became the largest in the South and one of the largest in the country.

Now thousands of trailers go each year from Elba to every state in the union and many foreign countries. Modern plant facilities include 150,000 feet of floor space spread over 10 acres of land.

Value to Community

To a great extent the economic health of Elba is tied to Dorsey Trailers. General economic conditions in Elba improved in proportion to the size of the Dorsey payroll. Number of persons employed at the plant fluctuated with market conditions but a steady growth was noted in the ten-year period from 1940 to 1950. By 1950, 344 men and women worked at the plant.

Last year 581 persons worked at Dorsey Trailers. The firm had a million dollar contract to build trailers for hauling heavy equipment for the armed forces. Activity at the plant went round the clock.

During 1952 Dorsey Trailers pumped a payroll of \$1,769,000 into the economic bloodstream of Elba and Southeastern Alabama. This is the equivalent of over \$3 falling on the square every minute of the year, day and night.

Compared with the county farm income, it also makes an impressive figure. An estimated \$7 million dollars was the farm income for all of Coffee County in 1952. Of this, about half can be counted as net. The Dorsey payroll alone amounted to almost half the net income from all agricultural products in Coffee County.

Counting the population of Elba as 3,000 and the number of employees at Dorsey's as 600, it means every sixth person in Elba is employed at the plant. Some of the workmen come from out-of-town but the 3,000 count on the population also includes women, children and old folks not able to work so it is probable that one out of every six persons is employed by the firm.

Indirectly or directly every person in town reaps the benefit of this large payroll. While not employed at the plant, they probably work at least part time every week for Dorsey employees. If suddenly withdrawn from the community business life would almost seem at a standstill.

The payroll is the economic backbone of Elba.

Another important item about the trailer plant and Elba is the fact that it did not have to be "induced" to come to town.

While other cities scrape around for funds to build rent-free structures for prospective industries, Elba was fortunate to have one grow up right in her front yard. Local talent started an infant machine shop that mushroomed into the largest trailer plant in Dixie and one of the leaders among 20 such firms in the United States.

The Dorsey family still owns and operates this industry that was founded by Claude E. Dorsey Sr. in 1911. C. E. Dorsey Jr., son of the founder, is president and general manager. His mother is vice president and his wife secretary J. V. Wright, who started with the company in 1912, is executive vice president and E. W. Adkins is treasurer.

Employee Benefits

Employees at Dorsey Trailers have received the benefit of improved working conditions at the plant in recent years. In line with this program were several increases in wages and general improvements in plant facilities.

Also there are many "fringe" benefits offered by Dorsey's. The fringe benefits may be defined as those benefits given by the Company which are not included in the paycheck which is drawn each week or month.

MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE BENEFITS

- 1 Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance
- 2 Dorsey Trailers Employee Profit-sharing Retirement Plan
- 3 State and Federal Unemployment Insurance
- 4 Paid Vacations
- 5 Group Life Insurance
- 6 Group Hospital Insurance
- 7 First Aid
- 8 Remembrances on Birthdays and Anniversaries
- 9 Recognition for good suggestions

During the past 12 months Dorsey Trailers paid \$21,770.35 to the Federal Social Security Fund in behalf of its employees who paid an additional \$24,770.35 for the same purpose, making a total of \$46,540.70 paid during the past 12 months to the Federal Social Security Fund. Since the establishment of a Retirement Program in March, 1952 Dorsey Trailers has contributed \$115,852.50 of its profits to the Retirement Fund in behalf of its employees who are under the plan. The bulk of this trust fund is on deposit in the bank, supplemented by insurance, the face value of which is \$260,000 and maturity value is \$412,620.

At the present time there are about 450 Dorsey employees who are qualified to participate in the Retirement program, subject to regulations in the Master Retirement Plan. A brochure booklet on the retirement program was distributed to participants last Christmas and more will be available in December.

Cash claims paid out so far total \$584.60. Remember that the retirement plan is only about two years old. Benefits will grow larger as the years go by and Dorsey Trailers continues to be a profitable business.

Dorsey Trailers is one of the few companies in this section of the United States who shares its profits on such basis with its faithful employees. This important retirement benefits is another reason why the management can proudly say there's a future for you at Dorsey's.

DORSEY TRAILERS

ELBA, ALA.

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Publicity Spotlight Catches up with Ed Lee

By C. B. McDOWELL
David Edward Lee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Edward Lee, Sr., was born Nov. 7, 1873, on a farm two miles east of Elba. When young Ed was a small boy, he moved with his parents to a farm near where the Pea River power plant is now located.



MRS. GUY FOLSOM

He first attended school at the old Shiloh church, there being no school house in that vicinity. The Lee family moved to Elba when Ed was nine-years-old and he has lived in and around Elba ever since.

Mr. Lee married Miss Harper in April, 1895, and they purchased a farm and built a home east of Pea River where they lived for a number of years. To this union was born: Mrs. Cecil Nadine Helms, Mrs. Lynch Marietta Alford, Mrs. Jack Lelia Ruark, Broughton Lee and Miss Elmer Lee. All except Broughton are living.

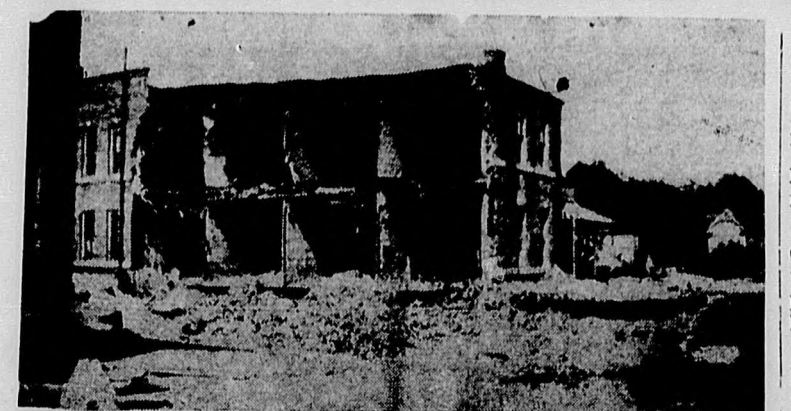
During his long lifetime Mr. Lee has been a farmer, saw-miller, road builder and courthouse caretaker. He took the job of taking care of the Elba courthouse premises twelve years ago and by his efficient services and courteous behavior, has endeared himself to a multitude of people.

Mr. Lee has taken an active part in Coffee County and Elba affairs and is one of the best known citizens of this community. He said one of the most worrisome things he has had to contend with as been trying to keep the courthouse clock ticking. He said he gave up the responsibility of trying to make the clock strike the hours some time ago and has stopped worrying about it.



Ed Lee Jr. was the only person at the court house missed by Jack House when he wrote up Coffee County for the Birmingham News in that paper's story on Coffee County. This omission is now being corrected.

Old Time Hotel Business Flourished Here



Of all Elba's old hotels, the as this is the only one turned in Garrett or "brick hotel" was for the old picture contest. The structure was demolished by the flood in 1929 and never rebuilt. It must have been destroyed (Courtesy Mrs. O. Dowling)

The Elba Hotel was a noted hostelry and has an interesting history. The accompanying photograph was furnished by Miss Emma Windham and Mrs. A. W. Young. A number of well known Elba citizens are to be seen in front of this old landmark.

John Garrett stated that this old building, a frame structure, was torn away in 1906 and replaced by a modern brick hotel, known as the "Brick Hotel".

A group of prominent citizens, headed by J. M. Garrett, erected the brick structure. The company had made arrangements for an experienced hotel operator to take charge of and operate the new hotel, but he was delayed, supposedly for only a few days. So Mr. Garrett and his family

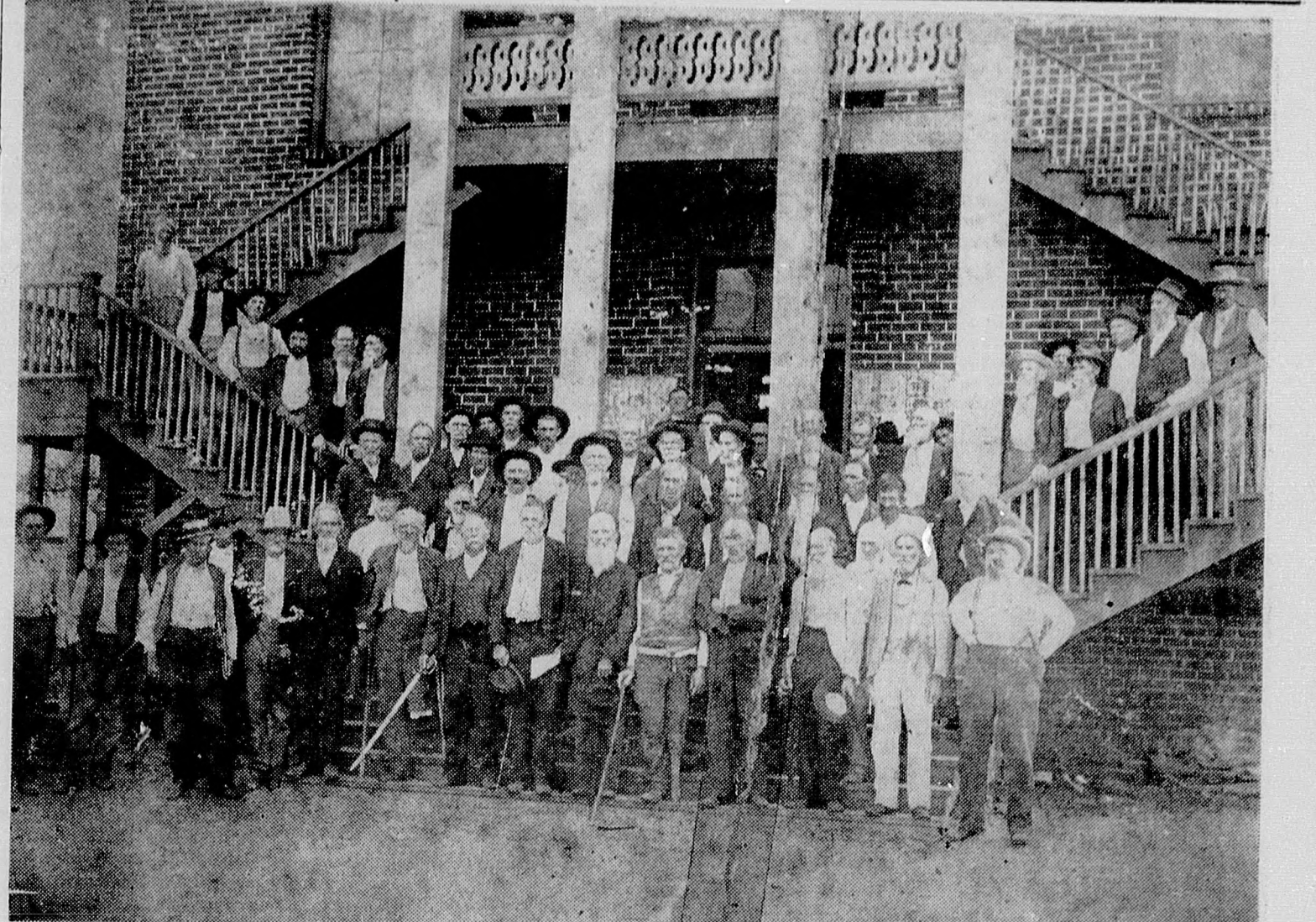


THE OLD BLUE HOTEL (Photo W. J. Compton, Rt. 5)

THE ELBA CLIPPER

Section III

Thursday, Nov. 19, 1953



Not too many local persons remember the court house with these steps going up the sides. Before the present wings were added, the only access to the second story was gained via these steps. Group of men in this picture are Civil War veterans. Mrs. Joe P. Martin, Route 3, who furnished the picture, could identify only a few of the individuals. They were Wiley Deal, Tom Kendrick, Milton Johnson, William Matthews, Jim Tantan and Green Flower.

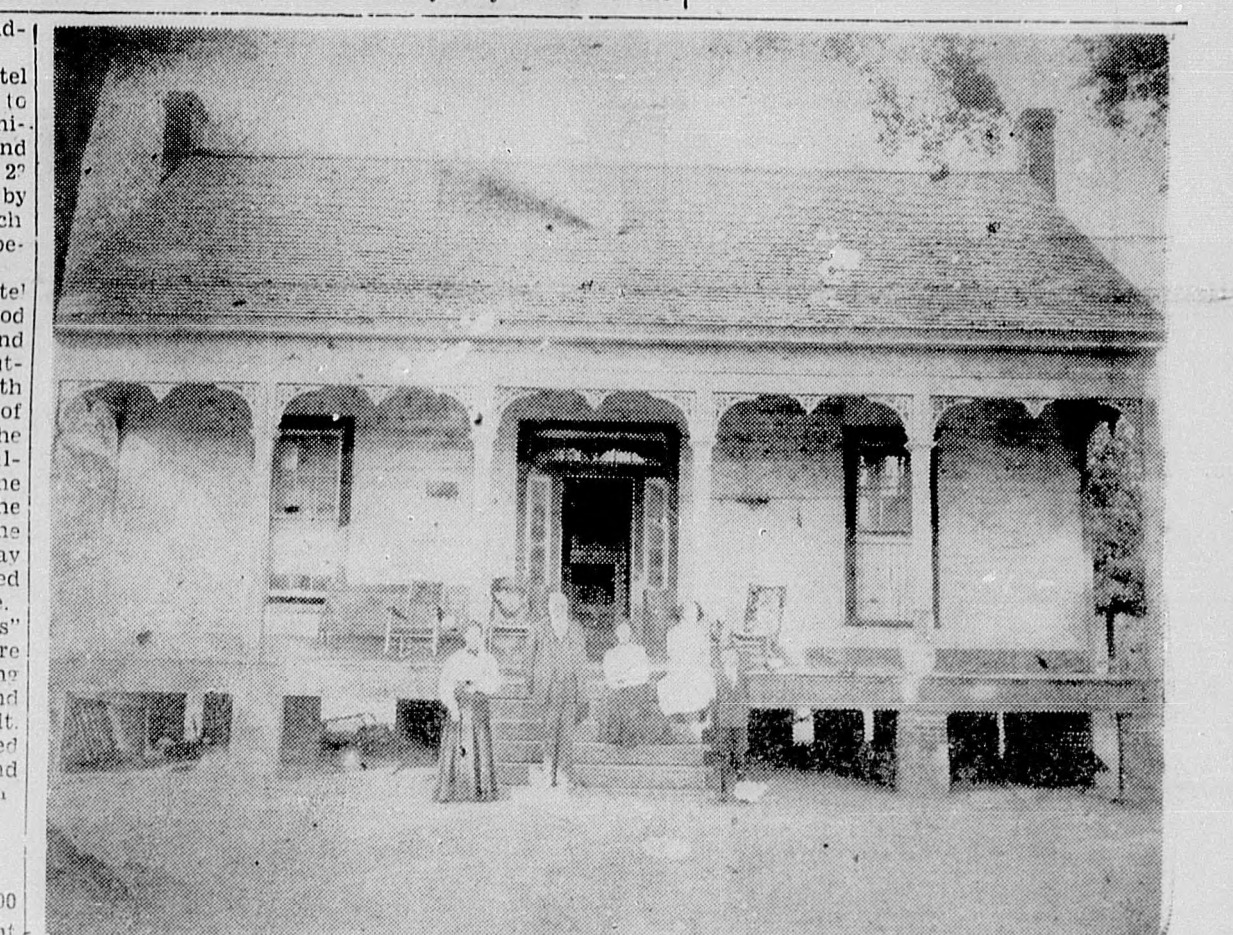
moved into the building, intending to stay only a short time.

For some reason, the hotel operator was unable to come to Elba at all, so the Garrett family continued to reside in and operate the brick hotel for 2 years, when it was destroyed by the devastating flood of March 1929. During those years it became a noted hostelry.

The destruction of this hotel building during the 1929 flood furnished plenty of thrills and excitement. One of the outstanding episodes was the birth of "Little Noah Tucker", son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tucker. The mother, the former Eleanor Talbot, had to be moved from one room to another during the child's birth on account of one room after another giving way as the swirling waters washed about the two-story structure.

Soon after "Little Noah's" birth, mother and child were carried out of the crumbling building to a safer ground and safety without any serious result. "Little Noah's" birth received much publicity in the press and over the radio all over the country.

6,000 BOND ISSUE
Slomcomb has voted for \$5,000 bonds to put in an electric light system. There were 66 votes for the bonds and 1 against. That looks like folks there are pulling together, and if it is so, you may put your money on Slomcomb, for she is going to grow. (Clipper June 16, 1903.)



The Robert Harper home was, 1880's and was a refuge for persecuted in farming, writes Mrs. an old Elba land mark that stood about where Flournoy "Uncle Bob" as he was known picture. Mr. Harper sold his home in 1910 and moved to Whitman now lives on Brantley Road. Kitchen of the home was built in back of the house as a separate unit. The home was re-Coven. "Uncle Bob" reared a daughter in-law and two of it was built in the 1870's or title of the square, besides in his grandchildren.

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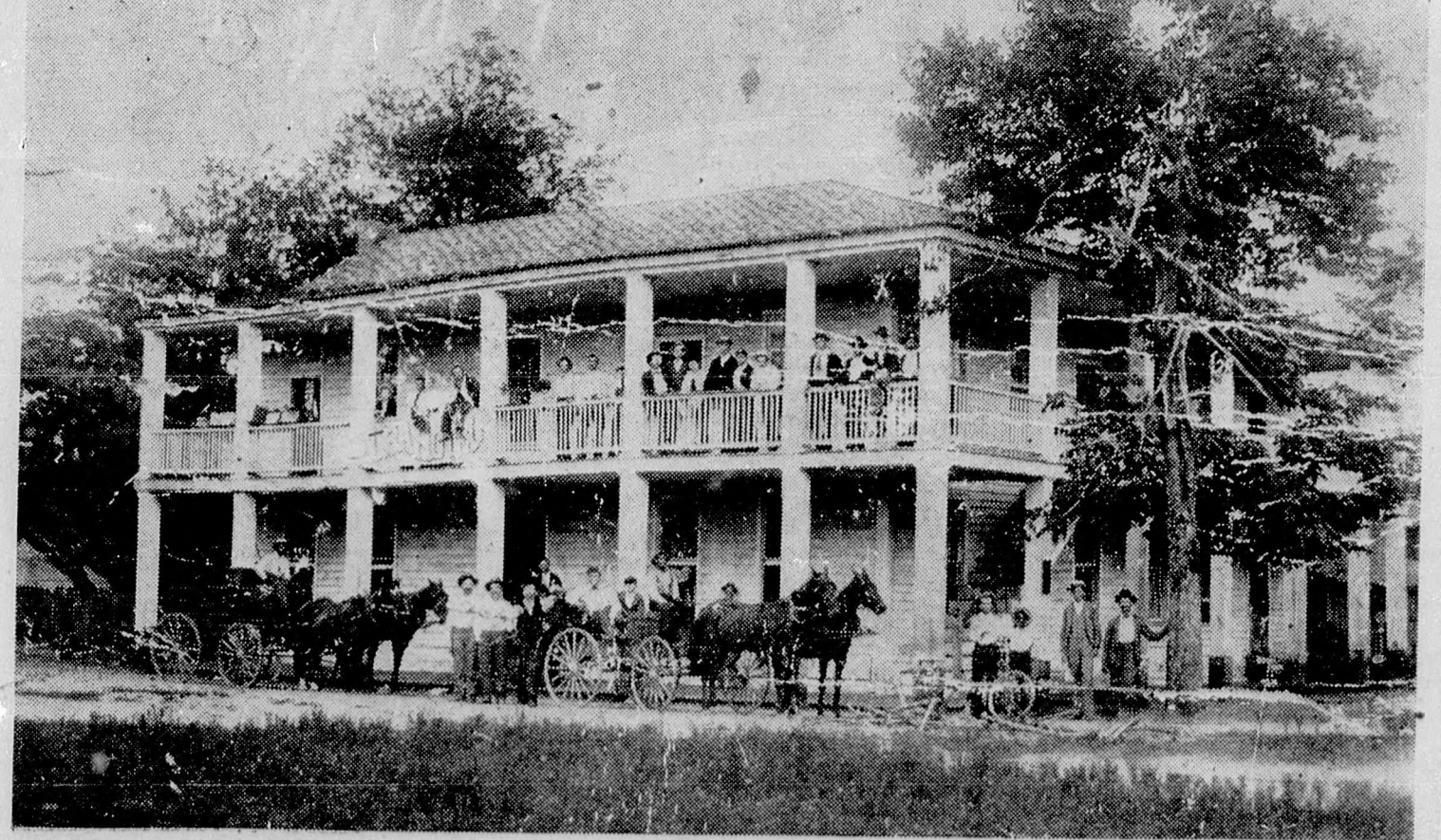
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John B. Simmons, One of Elba's Founders, Shied Away from Publicity

From Elba Clipper, June 16, 1908. This is a partial account of the obituary of John B. Simmons carried on that date. The obituary was written by Jack Brunson.

The writer of this was intimately acquainted with Mr. John B. Simmons for a number of years, but he is unable to properly present a sketch of his life, owing to the extreme poverty of his life, which characterized Mr. Simmons with regard to published references to himself. (At this time the obituary was written by S. Felder and M. S. Carmichael and one of them probably wrote this story.)

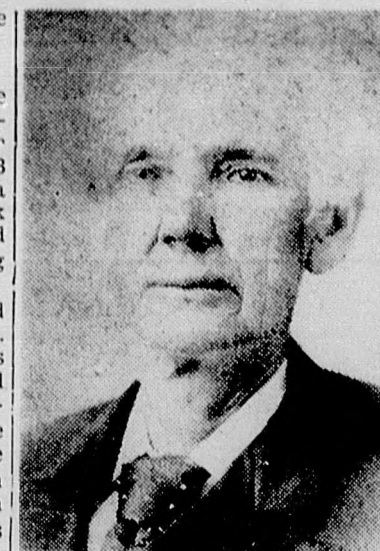
Mr. Simmons had pointedly refused to allow The Clipper to publish his picture, and this wish of his will not now be violated much as this paper would like to present his likeness. Mr. Simmons' memory was wonderful; he could tell with exactness the narrative of three-fourths of the century's events, and would talk with absorbing interest about by-gone days, until a pencil and paper were brought out, when the conversation would be dropped or changed abruptly. So that

what may be said of him will be told in an incomplete manner.

HAD FEVER AS CHILD
When a child he had a severe attack of fever, and the remainder of his life was in delicate health. (He died June 12, 1908 at the age of 83.) He lived a very active life, but always took especial care as to his diet and habits; to this care was his long life attributed.

Mr. Simmons was born and reared in middle South Georgia. In 1847 he removed to what is now Elba. It was then called "Benton's Ferry," or "Bentonville." Here he embarked in the mercantile business. At that time Elba was a stop-over place on the road to Sparta, in Conecuh County, where the United States land office was located.

In 1849 a post office was secured for the village, and to it Mr. Simmons gave the name of Elba; at the time he was reading a life of Napoleon, of whose country's events, and would talk with absorbing interest about by-gone days, until a pencil and paper were brought out, when the conversation would be dropped or changed abruptly. So that



JOHN B. SIMMONS

Photo courtesy Jack Brunson

In the late fifties Mr. Simmons retired from the mercantile business and engaged in farming, which pursuit he followed with profit until about 20 years ago when he decided that he was able to live in comfort,

with the luxury of being able to aid those less fortunate, without further business cares. So he disposed of his farm interests, and removed to Elba, for whose people he always had an affection and solicitude. Mr. Simmons always liked travel, and so was away from Elba for several months every year until a few months ago, but Elba was always "home" and here his trips always began and ended.

NOT IN ARMY
Mr. Simmons was not physically able to be a soldier in the war between the states. He did service with the home guards, though he was indignant when anyone called that "being at war." Whenever there was prospect of any excitement or shooting, he went and was in the fight below Elba in which some five Elbans were killed. He was given a commission as captain in the home guards.

He was of the opinion that his close friend, P. D. Costello, the brave young Irishman from New York, who resigned the Probate Judge's office to go to the war, whose company was in so many



This group of Elba young folks attended an Easter Egg hunt in Elba in 1909 and had their pictures taken. Mrs. Josephine Kendrick, city clerk, was one of those attending. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. J. A. Carnley)

hard fights, and was by the community general complimented on the field for gallantry in capturing a big battery and its captain made a Major. His fine leadership, which was titled to be called first in the great number of brave men that Coffee sent to war.

Mr. Simmons was a great reader, a strong believer in education, and though not extensively educated in school, he was a well-educated man, having read widely of the world's best books, his favorite being Shakespeare and the Bible.

NEVER MARRIED
He was never married. Some of his friends attributed this to the family cares he took upon him through the death of a number of kinpeople, while others said that the lady he was to have married died a short while before the marriage was to have taken place. And still others say a lover's falling out kept him from marrying.

During his young manhood he was a gay young man, being an attendant or best man at many weddings through a dozen or more years going to parties for near and visiting summer resorts of the fifties and early sixties.

An old style southern home was kept during the sixties and seventies by Mr. Simmons six miles northeast of Elba on Pea River. There he had a large plantation, an old time white house, and the largest family of young people in the county.

The sons and daughters of his dead brothers and sisters, whom he reared and educated. A number of old time negroes stayed with him after the war had ended their slavery, and though he ruled his home and farm with patriarchal authority, these negroes pay to him this tribute: "He was just and liberal in his treatment of slaves and free negroes."

INTERESTED IN POLITICS
Mr. Simmons always took a deep interest in politics. He never offered for public office except when he was elected to the Legislature for the sessions of 1886-7 and 1888-9. In the Legislature he was a capable and influential representative.

When a person would tell him of the increase in crime he would sometimes tell of killings and robberies in Coffee County in a short space of time, when there were scarcely more people in the county than one good sized precinct now has; he would point out the number of killings that had taken place in a few years in the "good old times" on the Elba public square, giving names of slains and slayers.

Mr. Simmons was never united with any church. Reared in a primitive Baptist family, he early became a mason. He perhaps presided at the making of more masons and the burial of the dust of more of his brethren than any man who lived in the state.

LOYAL MASON
Upon the organization of Elba Chapter, his exemplary masonic life and his devoted work for the order was recognized by the Local R. A. Masons and the grand lodge officers by his appointment by the G. H. P. as the first High Priest of the Chapter. No doubt his masonic record and virtues will be presented more fully by memorial tribute of his brethren.

When Mr. Simmons came to Coffee County it was mainly a wilderness. He was a member of that great advance guard of Georgians who came here in the years immediately following the establishment of the county. His father and other relatives and neighbors followed him here.

In the more than 60 years of his residence here he well did the work that came before him, and The Clipper in common with all who knew him esteemed him as just man gone to his reward. His good deeds do live after him. Peace to his ashes, honor to his good work, gratification over his clean, pure, useful life and sadness over the departure of a true friend and noble citizen. In part expresses our sentiments.

A good thing to save for a rainy day is a reputation.

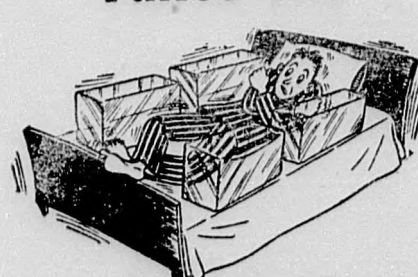
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Young Musician Is Popular Local Entertainer

Church goes who looks up at their organist in most towns usually see an adult man or woman at the keyboard playing hymns for the service. That is always the case in the Methodist church here where 11-year-old Susan Murphree is assistant organist.

The seventh grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Murphree not only occupies this position but fills in at the Baptist Church when needed and played for the Martin-Murphy wedding in Enterprise in August. As practice improves her technique she gets frequent calls to appear on programs for local organizations such as the Music Club, N. Y. The musical career of the young organist began two years ago when she started taking piano lessons from James Patrenos, musical instructor at the high school. After a year on the piano, Mr. Patrenos started teaching her the organ. She steadily improved until now calls to her home for her services at the piano or organ are not infrequent.

Pieces the Elba miss plays on was a string of pearls. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the Newman Club. This was decorated in the bridal colors. The brides table was overlaid with imported lace cloth and held for the central adornment.

Miss Onida Bumper of Mobile was maid of honor. She was dressed in a two piece dress of ice blue faille with navy accessories and she wore a white carriage corsage. The bride was dressed in a gray suit with pink accessories and a shoulder corsage of pink carnations. Her only ornament was a string of pearls.

What the future holds for Susan can't be foretold but in the meantime she has some mighty proud grandparents in Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Murphree of Elba and Mrs. Bob Stephenson of Troy. Whenever Susan plays in the recitals put on twice a year by Mr. Patrenos, she has her share of relatives in the audience and they are mighty proud of what she has accomplished to date.

Interest in music is not limited to the piano and organ for Susan. She has a ukulele given to her last Christmas. In a local talent contest this fall, Susan came away with third prize. She sings while playing the ukulele.

For the third year she is taking the field at half time at the football game as a majorette. So that readers won't think the youthful organist is all work and no play, a word about her hobbies and other activities should be included. Painting glass figurines is her main hobby. Sports preferred by the Elba miss are swimming and tennis. For pets she has an old hound dog and a parakeet. This summer Susan attended the Methodist

Youth Assembly at Blue Lake. In her church Sunday school class duties of the offices of president and secretary have come her way. Music also figures in her Methodist Youth Fellowship organization where the seventh grader does a piano-organ duet with Sue Morrow.

Scholastically Susan ranks in the top part of her class. The 11-year-old organist has not picked a career yet but she does like music. Mother and dad have been asked to put an altar in the church.

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**Richard Spurlin
Marries New York
Girl October 30**

A marriage of beauty and simplicity was performed on Oct. 30th at 4 P.M. at the St. Francis Chapel at the University of Ala. uniting in marriage Miss Claire Pfeiffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Leslie Pfeiffer of Lindenhurst, L. I. New York and Richard S. (Dick) Spurlin only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Spurlin of Elba.

Father Mulvey performed the marriage. The chapel was decorated with a profusion of mums and evergreen back ground. Branched candelabra with tall white tapers stood amidst the greenery. Candles were lighted by the ushers. John Klachammer of Rochester, N. Y. served as best man.

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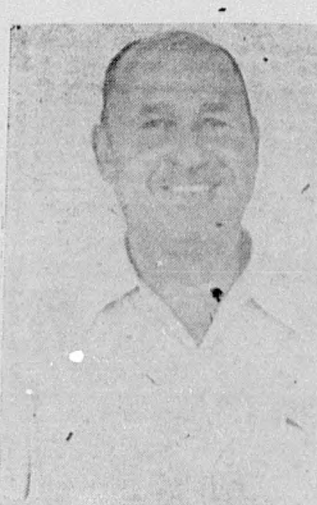
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Vivacious Susan Murphree has played piano solos before many local groups as well as the organ at the Methodist and Baptist churches to take a spot as one of Elba's top young entertainers during Centennial Year, 1953.

**C. R. Davis Drops
Election Contest
For Sheriff Post**

(Clipper, June, 1914)
The contest proceeding over the Sheriff's office of Coffee county, which was instituted by C. R. Davis against Pike Stewart has been brought to a close.

C. R. Davis set out in his declaration that illegal votes were cast of Mr. Stewart, which if taken from him will reduce the number of legal votes to or below the number which he (Mr. Davis) received, and upon further ground of offers to bribe, bribery, intimidation or other mal-conduct calculated to prevent a free and full exercise of the Election franchise.

Davis withdrew the contest on June 16, 1914 with the statement: "I have concluded that it is impossible to obtain sufficient evidence that will authorize a different result from that which has already been declared and I therefore withdraw the contest."

DOWLING FOLSON MARRIAGE

(Clipper Feb. 6, 1914)
A very quiet marriage that will be noted with much interest owing to the popularity of the contracting parties, was that of Miss Ida Folsom of Farmer's Academy to L. L. Dowling of Elba. Miss Folsom is the daughter of S. E. Folsom, of Farmer's Academy.

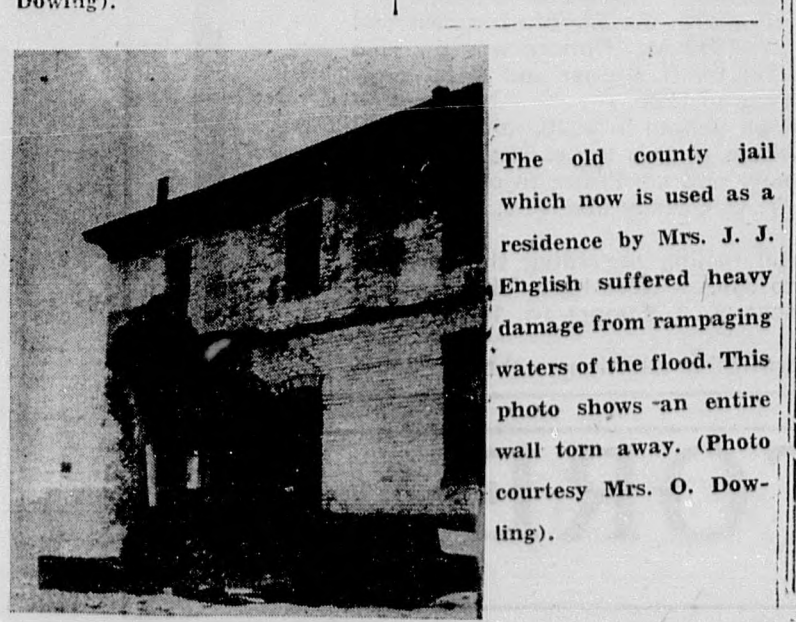
Having a good aim in life is not enough—one has to know when to pull the trigger.

Pictures of 1929 Flood



On the left is shown the home of Shelby Morrow, occupied at the time of the flood by L. P. Mullins (Photo courtesy Mrs. O. Dowling).

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Young after the flood is shown here. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. O. Dowling).



The old county jail which now is used as a residence by Mrs. J. J. English suffered heavy damage from rampaging waters of the flood. This photo shows an entire wall torn away. (Photo courtesy Mrs. O. Dowling).

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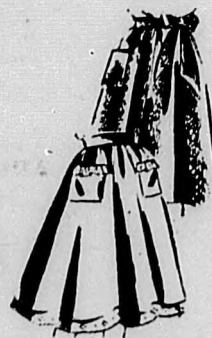
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Baptist Church Organized Here in 1882

The First Baptist Church of Elba has organized in 1882, with Dr. W. F. Boyd, Mrs. W. P. Boyd, Mrs. Josephine Stevens, Judge B. M. Stevens and J. A. Prince as charter members. Rev. Jesse M. Rowe was the first pastor and Dr. W. P. Boyd was the first clerk.

The Elba Baptist Church was received into the Pea River Association in 1883, having a membership of 33. The messengers sent to the Association were: Rev. J. M. Rowe, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Boyd, Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Stevens, Rev. (Judge) B. M. Stevens had become pastor of the church, succeeding Rev. J. M. Rowe.

By the year of 1884 the church membership had increased, and Robert Harper and J. A. Prince were added to the list of messengers to the Pea River Association. In 1885 the Association met in Ebenezer Church, when Elba sent Messengers Rev. N. C. Underwood who had become pastor of the church and Dr. W. P. Boyd, church clerk. The total membership of the church at that time was 28.

In 1887 the church reported no Sunday School, but showed a strong urgency, so the Elba Church, with Rev. N. C. Underwood began work for Sunday Schools. In 1888 the Elba Church sent Robert Harper, S. N. Rowe and J. J. Langham as messen-



OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Photo courtesy Mrs. O. Dowling)

gers to the Association. Rev. P. L. Mosely now being pastor of the church and the membership having grown from 28 to 38, with \$300 pledged for Kingston. The Elba Church now had a Sunday School in operation.

From 1880 to 1895 the Elba church was not active and had withdrawn from the Association because of some disputes with the State Board of Missions but these years were years of activity of the church. In 1895 Rev. A. B. Metcalf became pastor of the Church. During this time the Church grew to 72, with 23 baptisms. At this time the Church had preaching once a

month on the third Sunday. It was in 1895 that the Elba Church was received back into the Association. Rev. A. B. Metcalf and S. N. Rowe attended the session of the Association at New Hope. Thereafter Missions were first stressed. From 1896 to 1900 the Elba Church plodded slowly along with Rev. Metcalf as pastor.

Following Rev. Metcalf, Rev. W. A. Parker became pastor, serving only a short time, being succeeded by Rev. S. O. Y. Ray and during his pastorate the Church grew from 72 to 145. From 1900 to 1919 pastors suc-

ceeding Rev. Ray were Rev. R. M. Hunter, Rev. P. C. Barkley, Rev. D. P. Lee, Rev. J. E. Cook, Rev. E. S. Atkinson, Rev. L. A. Nail, Rev. C. H. German, Rev. S. A. Taylor, Rev. T. C. Mahan, Rev. B. S. Franklin, Rev. J. A. Timmerman, Rev. O. M. Fox and Rev. Murray L. Seay, the latter being the present pastor.

Sometimes during the eighties a brick church building was built on Buford Street where the people met until the year 1911. A new brick church building was erected on the lot near the old county jail on Simmons Street at the intersection of Polka Street. This building was used until 1950. The present new church building stands on the old lot at the corner of Simmons and Polka Streets. It is a beautiful edifice.

The church membership has increased to 672.

Circle No. 1

Circle No. 1 met on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Fulton Clark as hostess. The circle chairman, Mrs. Sam Sawyer, Mrs. Sam Sawyer presided over the meeting. Mrs. Jake Morrow read the secretary's report. Mrs. Arthur Boutwell gave the devotional. The mission study "Let's Listen" was given by Mrs. M. L. Seay. Mrs. Alton Bullard offered the closing prayer. Refreshments

Circle No. 2

Circle No. 2 met Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. D. Morrow with Mrs. Levy Foley as co-hostess. Mrs. Claude Dorsey with Mrs. Levy Morrow and Mrs. H. B. Larkins joint hostesses with Mrs. Dorsey. The reception rooms held arrangements of mums and fall flowers. On arrival the guests were served a delicious turkey dinner with hot coffee. Afterward the meeting was called to order by the president Miss Lillian Rowe. Plans were completed for the booths at the Centennial and the club also voted to provide lunches for two underprivileged children at school for the rest of the year. Reports were heard from the different committee chairman. Roll was called and the minutes read by Mrs. Paul Windham. A very interesting paper, prepared by Mrs. Levy Morrow and read by Mrs. Sam Casey on "What Thanksgiving Means to the Average American" was enjoyed by all. The club adjourned early so that everyone could go to the Methodist Revival. Those present were: Mesdames Baxter, Bryan, Wm. Bullard, S. F. Carnley, J. W. Kendrick, P. G. Mathis, Jim Whitman, Sam Rowe, M. L. Seay, Elvin Edgar, Al Sewell, Sam Sawyer, Gethelard, Pinkard, L. A. Boyd, Sam Casey, N. B. Crestwell, Mayo Prescott, Price Ringo, Misses Gladys Clark, Lillian Bullard, S. F. Carnley, J. W. Rowe and the hostesses.



The first painted home between Enterprise and Elba was built in 1897 and 1898 by Mr. and Mrs. David H. Harper from all heart pine timber. All the rafters in the home were hand-hewn and shingles on the house were hand-riven. This residence was the birthplace of a local resident, Mrs. Oswald Dowling. The home burned down in 1948. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. O. Dowling)

Three-in-One Club

The Three in One Study Club met on Thursday P.M. at 5:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Claude Dorsey with Mrs. Levy Morrow and Mrs. H. B. Larkins joint hostesses with Mrs. Dorsey. The reception rooms held arrangements of mums and fall flowers. On arrival the guests were served a delicious turkey dinner with hot coffee. Afterward the meeting was called to order by the president Miss Lillian Rowe. Plans were completed for the booths at the Centennial and the club also voted to provide lunches for two underprivileged children at school for the rest of the year. Reports were heard from the different committee chairman. Roll was called and the minutes read by Mrs. Paul Windham. A very interesting paper, prepared by Mrs. Levy Morrow and read by Mrs. Sam Casey on "What Thanksgiving Means to the Average American" was enjoyed by all. The club adjourned early so that everyone could go to the Methodist Revival. Those present were: Mesdames Baxter, Bryan, Wm. Bullard, S. F. Carnley, J. W. Kendrick, P. G. Mathis, Jim Whitman, Sam Rowe, M. L. Seay, Elvin Edgar, Al Sewell, Sam Sawyer, Gethelard, Pinkard, L. A. Boyd, Sam Casey, N. B. Crestwell, Mayo Prescott, Price Ringo, Misses Gladys Clark, Lillian Bullard, S. F. Carnley, J. W. Rowe and the hostesses.

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This Centennial Celebration is of particular interest to the Elmore Company. It was here in Elba that Virgil Elmore began his career as a merchant. He was reared on a farm near Elba and at the age of 21 left the farm and went to work as a retail store here for a salary of \$25.00 a month and board. The store was owned by Mr. Sam Rubenstein who was accompanied by Mrs. Rubenstein when he went to market. There were several Rubenstein children and in the absence of their parents, Mr. Elmore acted as a baby sitter in addition to his store duties. This was in 1908, and in 1911 he and a partner opened a general store in Elba. In 1916 he sold this interest and moved to Clanton, Alabama, where he opened a dry goods store.

Mr. Elmore, in August 1917, following the entry of this Country into World War I, entered the army as a Corporal, was within twelve months commissioned a Second Lieutenant, and discharged as such in 1919.

The Clanton dry goods store operation proved profitable and in 1925 he opened the first V. J. Elmore 5c, 10c & \$1.00 Store there. This proved a successful venture, and he disposed of his dry goods store interest. Being a man of vision, hard-working ability and the courage to carry his ideas into realistic business operations, he embarked upon an expansion program and at the time of his death in 1942 there were forty-four stores with approximately 1,000 full time and part time employees. Through his foresight in providing for any eventualities and in the selection and training of competent management personnel, the business has continued a healthy growth. There are now sixty-two stores in operation with approximately 2,500 full time and part time employees.

Executive Offices and warehouse were maintained in Clanton until 1941 when, because of continued growth, it was decided to move the warehouse and executive offices from Clanton to Birmingham. A modern building was erected at 10 South 14 Street in Birmingham and offices and warehouse are maintained at that location.

Another matter of interest in connection with the Elmore business and the town of Elba is that on January 27, 1919 Mr. Elmore was married to Olive Rainer of Elba, a daughter of Walter B. Rainer and Kate Johnson Rainer, who moved to Elba from Troy in 1906.

Mrs. Elmore graduated from Elba High School in 1910, and a picture of this graduating class appears elsewhere in this issue. She succeeded her husband as President of the company and continues to occupy that position. There are two children, Mrs. T. C. Casady and V. J. (Jack) Elmore; one grandchild, Susan Casady.

There has always been a sentimental feeling regarding the town of Elba. Mr. Elmore had always wished to open a store here. This was not accomplished, however, until the present V. J. Elmore 5c, 10c & \$1.00 Stores, Inc. was opened.

It has proven a most pleasant and profitable addition to the company.

POOR ORIGINAL

BLEED THROUGH

Congratulations to Elba on This Centennial Occasion

From an Elba Firm, On Its 7th Birthday as an Elba Production Plant

Flack Lumber Company Is An Elba Institution

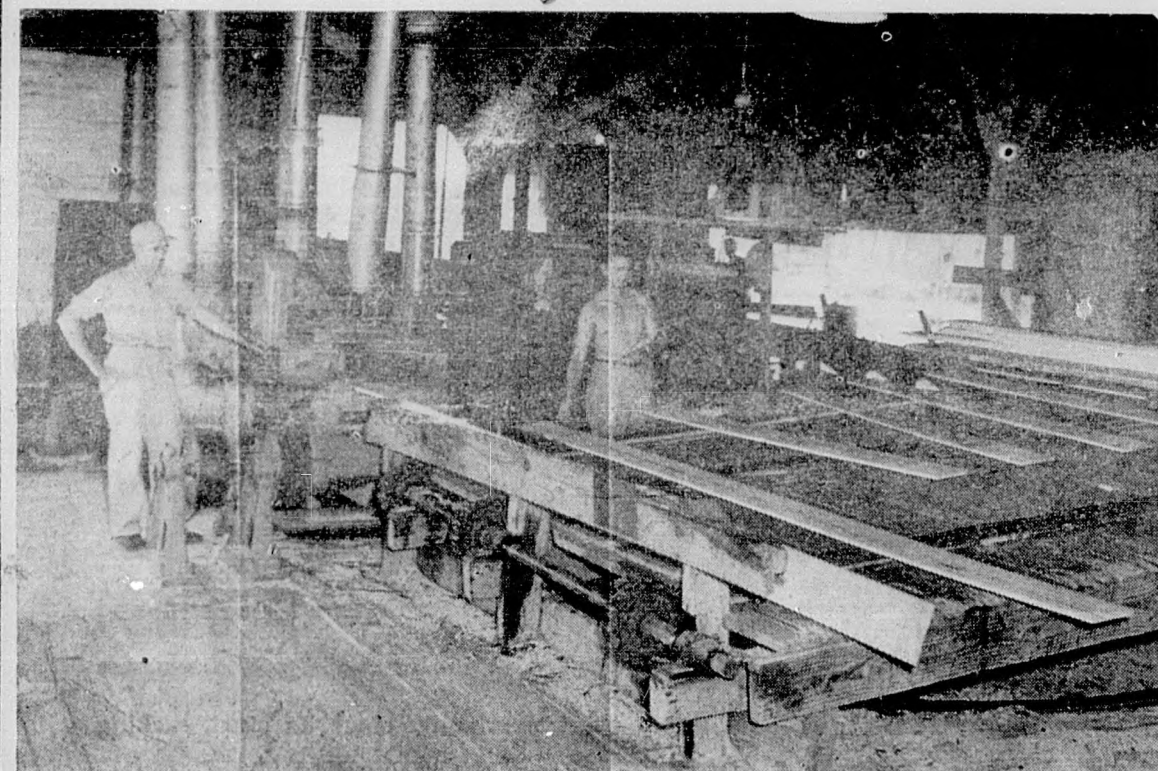
A hundred years ago men felled their own trees, for log houses, made their own shingles for the roof and built homes from the ground up by themselves. Such is not the case in the atomic age. Large tracts of land have been cleared in the Midwest and other areas of the United States until lumber for homes has to be shipped from other states. It is supplying this market with Southern Pine that has enabled Flack Lumber Company to grow and prosper in Elba and at the same time be a vital part of the community's economic life.

Between 35 and 40 Elbans work at the Flack Lumber Company mill and draw an annual payroll of between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Number of men working and size of the payroll fluctuates with market conditions but there is a full-time, year-round force of regular employees who draw a check here each week and spend it in Elba for food, clothing and other necessities of life. They are helping build a strong community by being active members of local organizations and churches.

CONSERVATION IMPORTANT

Now, as never before, conservation practices on our land and resources are important. It is no longer possible for a small operator to go into a timber tract, cut the good trees with complete disregard for seedlings and move on to his next cutting site. Trees have to be cut selectively. Seedlings must be planted to replace trees that have been cut to insure future generations a good supply of lumber.

Flack Lumber Company realizes the importance of this and is a member of the Alabama Tree Farm System sponsored by the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry. In Coffee County Flack Lumber Company owns 10,000 acres of land. This is being managed upon a basis of sound forestry practice for continuous production, including fire protection. Sound forestry management such as this insures that men at Flack Lumber Company in Elba will have a job for years to come. An income for the town is assured because as many trees as are cut, are being planted and allowed to grow to maturity. During 1953 500,000 seedlings were planted in the land owned by Flack Lumber Company. These trees are the company's and community's insurance against losing an important industry. Prosperity of a community and its manufacturing plants are tied closely together, and Flack Lumber Company is helping West Coffee County as well as its own business by following sound conservation practices.



J. A. Gallimore, production superintendent at Flack Lumber Company watches lumber as it goes through the planning mill and gets graded. This Elba production firm buys about 10 million feet of lumber a year for approximately \$550,000. Almost all of the lumber processed is shipped to the Midwest.



As part of Flack Lumber Company's public relations to let the community know what part they play in its financial life, the firm paid off its weekly payroll in \$2 bills. George Fryer, accountant and Mrs. Paul Hobbs are shown arranging the stacks of bills. (Clipper Photo)



Paul Hobbs manages the Flack Lumber Company operation in Elba. A veteran of many years service in the lumber milling business, Mr. Hobbs sees that production schedules are met and that lumber moves out of the yard on schedule. Shipments go from Elba to the Midwest where there is a good demand for Southern Pines. (Clipper Photo)

Our Centennial Hand Shake to You ELBA and ELBA MASONIC LODGE

It takes a good reputation to grow and expand in business. It is usually the result of intangible assets . . . those unseen qualities that year after year make themselves felt in a growing business.

To continue to render the highest degree of service is our aim for the future and it will be our policy to constantly improve our relations as conditions warrant.

With this in mind, we are deeply grateful for having a part in the immense growth of Elba and it is our sincerest wish to be of service and to continue to supply you with your building needs.

FLACK LUMBER COMPANY

ELBA, ALA.



Emergency Aid Insurance Company—Home Office

Working Together . . . Through The Years . . . For Greater Elba . . .

No where Else . . . So Great a Part . . .

For 100 years, civic leaders, citizens and businessmen have worked together for the good and growth of greater Elba. Today, those who claim it as their home town and those who have chosen to live in Elba share the pride and honor of Elba's Centennial Celebration.

We, at Emergency Aid are proud of Elba and our unique relationship with this important South Alabama community. Perhaps nowhere else a company such as ours plays so great a part in a community!

No Stranger in Town . . .

Showing and increase in assets from \$3,000 to \$1,500,000 the 18-year growth of the Emergency Aid Insurance Company is typical of the business progress of Elba during the past decade.

Alabama is divided into three divisions by Emergency Aid. James E. (Big Jim) Folsom, headed the northern division, Melvin Boozer the southern and J. S. Liles the Central.

When the company was organized in 1935, \$3,000 was paid in by a far-sighted group of Elba citizens. It was operated as a mutual company until 1944, when it was converted into a legal reserve company with \$25,000 capital stock. In 1947, the capital stock was increased to \$100,000, and the articles of incorporation were amended to authorize operation as an old line company.

Today, the Company has assets valued at over \$1,500,000—including cash, U. S. bonds, municipal bonds, real estate and real estate loans. It now operates with a capital stock of \$200,000.

The firm has approximately \$17 million of insurance in force, with a total monthly premium income of \$43,000. The Emergency Aid Insurance Company writes industrial and ordinary life, burial and casualty policies.

The company has 15 district managers with approximately 125 field agents. The late W. M. (Will) Brunson was president of the company from the time of its organization until his death in March, 1947. Present officers are J. R. Clark, president and chairman of the board; Lallie Harper, secretary-treasurer, with the following vice-presidents: Dr. E. C. Bragg, Dr. E. T. Brunson, Mrs. W. W. Sanders and Mrs. W. M. Brunson, who compose the board of directors and are major stockholders.

Additional stockholders are D. C. Marley, James E. Folsom, W. J. Farris, Mrs. Mary Alice Mays, Miss Vivian Harper and the estate of W. M. Brunson, deceased.

Elba . . . 100 Years Young

Today, we join our friends in celebrating Elba's Centennial. Tomorrow, and through the years to come, Emergency Aid will serve Elba by helping furnish needed funds for expansion and progress. Emergency Aid will continue to work for the good and growth of greater Elba.

Home office personnel is: clerical department: Miss Vivian Harper, Mrs. Thedd Hazen, Mrs. Mary Gingles, and Mrs. Laura Barker. Bookkeeping department: Wiley Stanford and Mrs. W. M. Brunson. Posting department: Mrs. Nadine Jones and Mrs. Nan Driggers. Loan Department: E. D. Brazelton, manager, and Mrs. Katrene Vaughan, secretary, Janitor; Perry Stinson.

The company has approximately \$800,000 in real estate loans in Coffee and surrounding counties, including some GI loans. E. D. Brazelton, manager of the loan department is well experienced in this line of work and gives complete satisfaction to the customers and the company as he is fair in his appraisal work and his dealings with the public.

In 1948, the company purchased the old Elba Bank and Trust Company building from the City of Elba and built a modern two-story building and moved into it December, 1948. The building is equipped with modern furniture and a vault on the first floor for securities.

Formal opening of the building was held in March, 1949. When Emergency Aid Insurance Company started in business it had one room in the Elba Exchange Bank Building, with no office force and only three or four agents.

Lamar S. Rainer Sr., supervises the casualty department and has offices located in Elba. His secretary is Mrs. Helen Baggett.

In 1950 the Emergency Aid Fire Insurance Co. was organized with \$100,000 capital and \$50,000 surplus, with the life company as principal stockholder. The fire company is under the same management and board of directors and is operated in the same building as the life company.

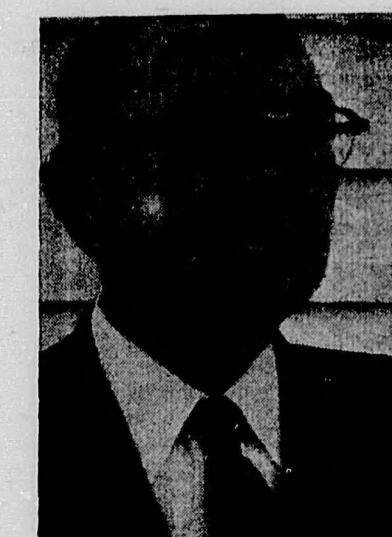
Frank H. Rainer Jr. is manager of the fire department, with Betty Boland as secretary. The assets of the fire company amount to approximately \$500,000 in cash, real estate loans, stock, U. S. bonds and stock. Folsom, Brunson and Company of Gadsden, composed of Cecil and Fred C. Folsom, is general agent for the Northern division with Miss Mae Beth as secretary. Rainer & Rainer, of Elba, composed of L. S. Rainer Sr., and L. S. Rainer Jr., is the general agent in charge of the southern division, with Betty Coleman as secretary. The company writes fire and auto insurance with approximately 100 agents.

With the life company as principal stockholder, Home Finance Company was organized in 1950. E. D. Brazelton manages the company which has capital stock of \$50,000 and assets amounting to \$162,000. Management and board of directors are the same as the life company.

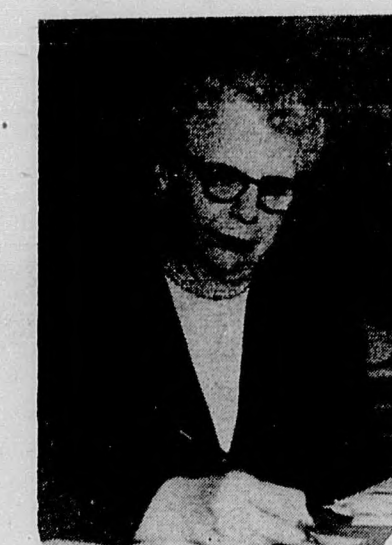
Also, in 1950, the Emergency Aid Funeral Home, Inc. was organized for the purpose of operating its several funeral homes in the state. Funeral homes are owned and operated in Albertville, Elba and Brantley, Dothan, Oneonta, Scottsboro, Sylacauga and Prattville.

In November, 1951, the Emergency Aid Funeral Home in Elba was completed and the company held its formal opening on Nov. 10. Formal opening of the newest funeral home in Dothan was held June 6, 1953. This new building has every convenience including air conditioning, plenty of parking space in the back and a chapel with an organ.

In 1951, the company installed IBM machines which have added speed and efficiency in the billing of all policies and keeping track of office and agent's records. Gradually all the business of the different companies will be put on the IBM system.



J. ROSS CLARK
President, Chairman of the Board



LALLIE HARPER
Secretary-Treasurer



E. D. BRAZELTON
Manager of Loan Department



FRANK H. RAINER JR.
Manager of the Fire Insurance Department

Emergency Aid Insurance Co.

Elba, Ala.

POOR ORIGINAL

BLEED THROUGH

CCC Camp Almost Forgotten Event in Elba Past

Even old timers who have spent all of their lives in Elba know little of the camp established by the federal government on the outskirts of town during the depression year of 1932-33. The cotton field on the Jess Bedsole place along the old Samson highway once was the site of a camp that housed around 300 young men.

Little official information is available about the tent city but T. M. Stroud, Elba contractor, who was connected with the camp administration, recalls the purpose and reasons for establishing the camp.

According to Mr. Stroud, Will Brunson was mainly responsible for locating the camp near Elba. Only permanent buildings were a wooden mess hall and bath house. That along with a wooden water tank and three or four inch well were the "permanent" aspects of the project when it was started.

Main idea behind this camp, which was the only one of its kind in Alabama according to Mr. Stroud, was to provide for young married men the same opportunity the CCC program made available to single youths. In order to get into the camp, a man had to be married and could not be eligible to get a "Bull Farm."



An old familiar landmark around every town in the "good old days" was the livery stable. In Elba it was the J. L. Prescott Livery Stable that furnished travelling salesmen with a mode of transportation after they arrived in town on the train. This stable stood near the present site of the Southern Benefit Funeral Home. (Photo courtesy of W. J. Compton, Rt. 5)

Tip to motorists: Start sooner, drive slower-live longer. Preaching and practice are many men make money, but twins that often get separated. Money never makes men.

C. O. MILLER & SONS

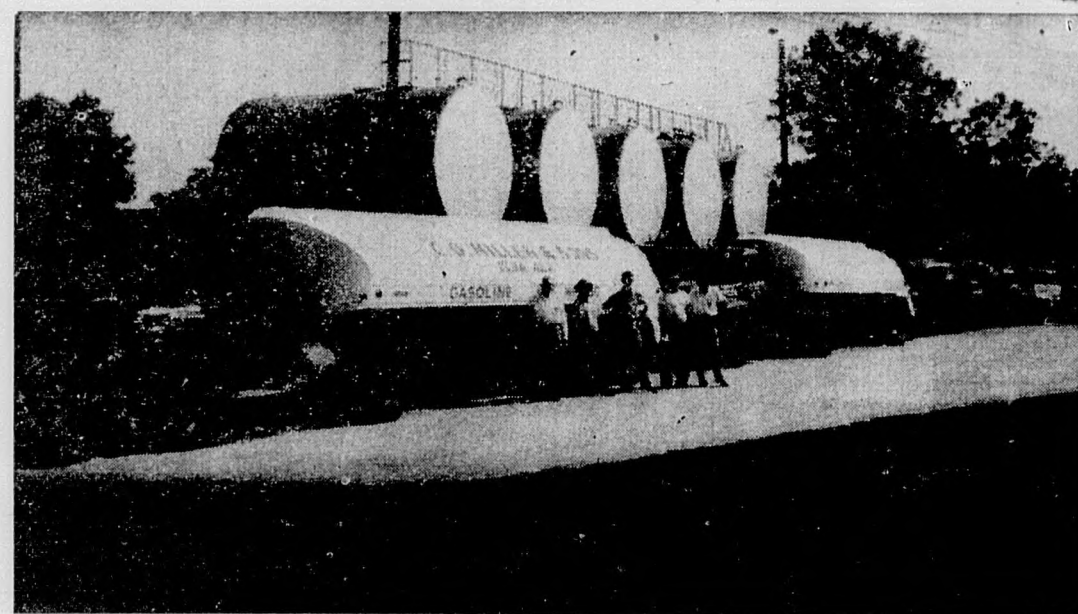
Serving Elba and Surrounding Area

For Over 15 Years



Key personnel in the office at C. O. Miller & Sons are Mrs. Foy Spurlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, C. O. Miller, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Luther Worrell. They keep the records and direct the operation which continues to grow and prosper as it has for the past 15 years.

Over 15 years ago C. O. Miller started operating a service station and garage in Elba. In 1938 he started in the independent gas and oil business with one truck. Growth of the firm was steady as it provided a needed service and product for the Elba trade territory. Now C. O. Miller & Sons with their wholesale service provide gas, oil and related products to 12 stations and numerous farm accounts. This transport fleet has grown from one small truck in 1938 to two large transports, two service tank trucks, one pick-up and one light delivery fuel truck for home delivery of fuel oil. It is the only retail business the firm engages in. In addition to the six persons employed at C. O. Miller & Sons in Elba, the company operates a truck stop at Midland City where eight men work.



INDEPENDENT

- ★ Gas
- ★ International Oil
- ★ Diesel Fuel
- ★ Fuel Oil-Kerosene

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farm." During the worst part of the depression, the federal government was providing an ox and land and putting families back on the farm to support themselves. The camp outside of Elba was open to men who could not qualify for this aid. They had to be married but could not bring their wives with them.

Originally the camp was under the Rural Resettlement Administration. The idea was to teach the young men in the camp how to farm and then give them 40 acres of land that the Federal Land Bank had repossessed. To build the man's morale and make him feel he was helping himself, the administrators of the plan figured on letting the man build his own house on the 40 acre plot. He would receive help from the government. After a period of time, the land and other aid were to be paid for from farm income.

Before the project got very far along, Mr. Stroud said it was realized 40 acres of land in Coffee County would not be enough to support a man and his family so the camp was put under the Farm Security Administration in the Department of Agriculture. The emphasis was shifted from teaching trades and it was in this respect Mr. Stroud became associated with the project.

In December, 1935 he went to the camp to instruct the men in brick laying, pipe fitting, well drilling, painting and carpentry work.

Some other Coffee Countians who Mr. Stroud remembers were associated with the camp were Otto Johnson, Aubrey Flowers, and Comer Brunson.

While in the camp, the men were good workers who needed assistance and training. The Elba contractor recalled. Attendance at night classes on reading, blue prints was good. But they did not like being separated from their families and when wages started going up and job openings became more numerous around defense plants, the men rapidly drifted away. Few of them went to the farm but instead turned to high-paying jobs in the trades they had been taught at the camp.

While in the camp, the men were paid either \$15 or \$20 per month. To keep costs of their own maintenance down, the camp officials leased the old Cooper saw mill, cut wood from land taken over by the Federal Land Bank and made their own lumber for construction. Besides building their own tent city they also erected two houses for the camp directors. Cecil Bowdoin now lives in one and Harold English in the other. Old army trucks provided transportation.

For the few that did go to the farm, the Federal Land Bank



A once bustling camp with about 300 men in it occupied this section field in the early 1930's at the height of the depression. Located on the Jess Bedsole farm on the old Elba-Samson highway, the only visible remnants of the camp are these two towers. (Clipper Photo)

Circle No. 3 met on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Herschel Taylor with Mrs. Flournoy Whitman as co-hostess. Mrs. W. P. Windham presided over the meeting and held a business session. The devotional was given by Mrs. Fox Brunson and the minutes read by Mrs. Dave Yates. The mission study was taught by Mrs. H. B. Larkins. Refreshments were served to 15 members. They were dismissed by the watchword.

Necessity knows no law and it's the same with extravagance.



J. F. Prescott, a former sheriff in Coffee County, his wife and one of his sons are shown in this picture of the former law enforcement officer. Photo courtesy of Jack Brunson.



King and queen of the Zion Chapel Box Supper Oct. 22 were Ruby Lee Flowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Flowers, and Willie Joe Brunson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Comer Brunson. (Clipper Photo)

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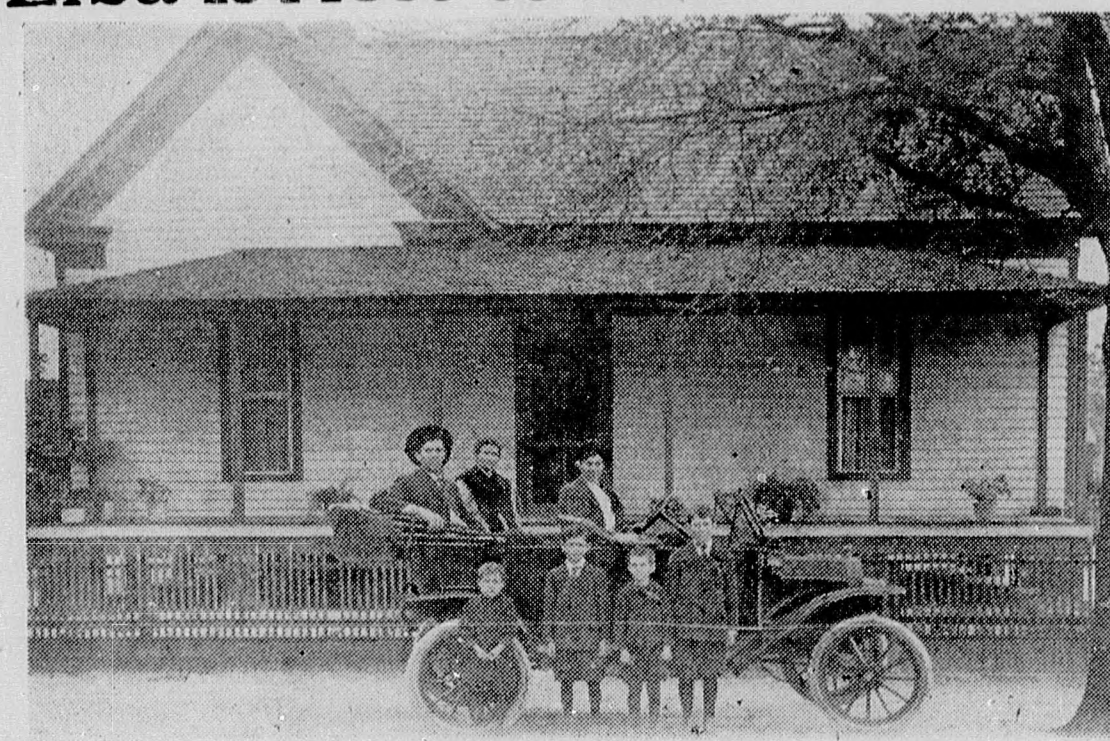
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Elba Is Host to Most Famous Son--Ex-Governor Jim Folsom



Seated in a 1913 Model "T", rear seat, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Folsom. Under wheel, Fred Folsom, oldest son. Standing left to right, James E. Folsom, Carl Folsom, Robert Folsom and Cecil Folsom. This picture was made in front of the family home near the Dorsey Trailer plant in Elba during the year 1913. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Ross Clark)



This family picture shows "all the Folsoms."



When taking over as head of the state government in Alabama in January, 1947, the photographer caught the "governor" with this broad victory smile. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Ross Clark)



This picture of Jim and two of his daughters by his first marriage, Melissa and Rachel, was widely published during his gubernatorial campaign in 1946. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Ross Clark)

When two-year-olds, Jim's parents dressed him like this.

the Coffee County commission, was tax collector four terms. Jim's uncle was a Coffee County Sheriff. As a child Jim often went with his father during political campaigns, found that the way to get votes was to "know folks."

Still the Coffee Countians suffered defeat at the polls several times before finding the right combination and rolling into the governor's office. The veteran Henry B. Steagall beat him out in races for Congress in 1936 and 1938. After his Congressional defeat Jim Folsom and his wife moved to Cullman where he became North Alabama representative for Emergency Aid Insurance Co. In 1942, he ran for governor, carried eight counties, but lost to Chaney Sparks.

FAMILY TREE

The Folsom family traces its ancestry back to the late 18th century when several Folsoms migrated from England to Boston. All stayed in the North except one. His descendant, Elisha Folsom, moved from Georgia to Alabama about 1830, homesteading the land, a part of which is still the family's possession near Elba. Elisha was Big Jim's grandfather. Elisha's son, Joshua (by a second late marriage), married Eufaula Dunnevant, a neighbor in 1893, and to them was born the present husky family of Folsoms.

Graduation from high school came to lanky Jim Folsom in 1927 in Elba, when he was nearly 19. The boy had spent two years each in the fourth and eighth grades. (I studied only if I liked the teacher," he explains.)

On his own hook he prepared to go to college, enrolled at the University of Alabama and supported himself with odd jobs while at school. Next year he shifted to Howard College, hoping to get a better break on the basketball team. But before the school year finished, the Pea River flooded in 1929 and severely damaged the Folsom property. Big Jim had to come back and help his family.

SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCK

In 1929 Jim took a job on a freighter out of Mobile and went to sea for three years. He visited 17 countries and says of this period, "I learned how other people lived." He claims it was highly educational.

In 1932, depression years, scarcity of jobs forced Big Jim to be a theater door man in New York and a guide for the military display of Admiral Byrd's Antarctic expedition ships in New York harbor.

Late in 1933 Jim Folsom caught on with WPA, worked as a director at Guntersville and had several hundred relief workers under him. In 1935 he joined the WPA set up the vote-getting color of "Big Jim" in Washington, headed by Harry Hopkins. Here he worked closely around Elba.



JAMES E. FOLSOM
Elba High School Graduate

With several Alabama Congressmen, helping them get works projects approved. In spare time he studied public speaking and sold used cars at St. George Washington University.

Believing he saw where more federal aid could be obtained for his home district, he returned and ran for Congress but was twice defeated by Steagall.

Since stepping out of the governor's seat in 1950, the Coffee County product has lived in Cullman where he looks after the insurance business of Emergency Aid in that section. Today, he is the man named most likely to be the next governor of Alabama. No potential candidate for the post can match the vote-getting color of "Big Jim" in Washington, headed by Harry Hopkins. Here he worked closely around Elba.



June first, this year another milestone in the growth of Elba occurred when THE SOUTHERN BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY formally took possession of their new Home Office building. Located on the square, the marble-fronted structure is an attractive addition to the town's business center.

The management of the Company has been by active officers; H. B. Larkins, President; T. T. Rhodes, Vice President and K. M. Bentley, Secretary-Treasurer.

The new Southern Benefit offices are completely modern in every detail. The front of the structure is covered with green Maryland marble, broken by two sections of sandstone above the entrance. A modernistic design of the inset entrance was used. Large glass windows in metal frames keep up the modernistic motif.

Those who designed the building saved savings on fire insurance premiums would pay for the structure over a 60 year period. All structural material is brick, concrete, steel lath or metal. The only wood is in the partitions and rail that goes around the lobby.

The interior of the building is air conditioned with a Worthington machine which provides heat in the winter and cool air in the summer.

For protection of valuable documents and money, a concrete vault with 14-inch thick reinforced concrete walls was built. The unit is 12 feet by 17 feet and has a mirror to reduce insurance rates. When a person is in the vault, removing documents or putting something in the safe, he can see when someone enters. The position of the mirror assures this.

Lighting in the building is all indirect. Plastered walls have been painted grey and green with white ceilings. The office partitions and counter are made of birch wood.

Office furniture was specially designed for the building.

Started in 1939 with three agents, the company has grown and prospered until now has representatives throughout the state. Of the three original sales agents, two are still with the company.

Southern Benefit operates in practically all counties of northeastern, southeastern and central Alabama. Some business is carried on in West Alabama.

Three years ago Southern Benefit Funeral Home, Inc. was started and now several funeral homes are operated under the title or contract of the firm. Funeral homes are located in Elba, Opp, Enterprise, Huntsville, Scottsboro, Payne, Gadsden, Albertville, Anniston, Florida, Samson and Troy.

Starting in the funeral and vault policy field only three years ago, Southern Benefit now has thousands of policies of this type in force, according to Kline Bentley, secretary-treasurer of the company.

Through the payroll alone Southern Benefit release \$160,000 into Elba trade channels each year. Besides officials, positions are provided for five full time employees. Mrs. Harold Hudson, company cashier, tops the group in point of service. She has been with Southern Benefit for seven years and holds a responsible position.

Officials at Southern Benefit believe the firm is appropriately named. Through their efforts and foresight an insurance company was formed in Elba. The policies they sell have the same soundness of investment as those of larger firms. The same regulations and safeguards that apply to a larger and older firm applies to the younger and smaller firms. Insurance coverage is the same and no additional risk is involved.

What really happens is that policy holders premiums remain in the South (Elba in this instance) where the dollars are reinvested for the BENEFIT OF SOUTHERN business. Company payrolls are spent in the South. So there is Southern Benefit, a firm which really Benefits the South and Southerners—and Elba.

SOUTHERN BENEFIT

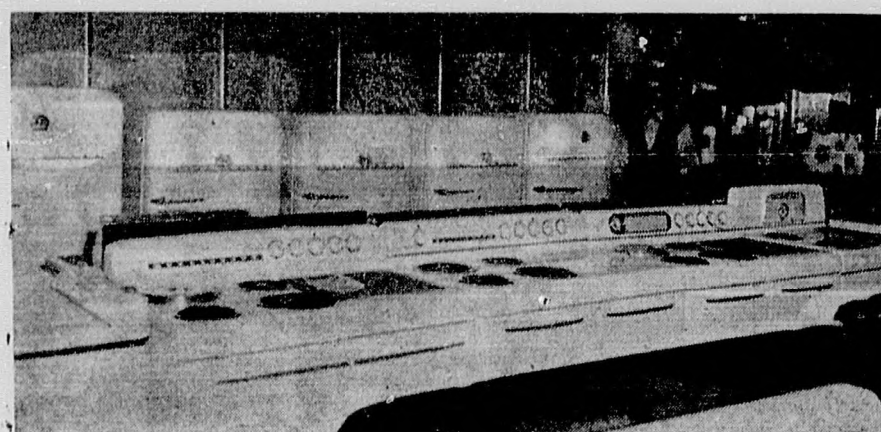
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

POOR ORIGINAL

BLEED THROUGH



Sofa beds, couches, lamps, tables and other home furnishings can now be purchased at Western Auto Store. When the firm expanded and doubled the size of its quarters, furniture was added to the good line of appliances. Now, in one stop, a couple can outfit their home from paints. For inside or outside painting, this nationally-advertised product will do the best job.



A complete line of appliances, all nationally advertised, and backed up by a good service policy, may be found in the appliance section at Western Auto. Any appliance need, for a large or small family, big or little apartment, may be met out of the stock in this store. We carry on our floor different models of Hotpoint, Kelvinator and Gibson refrigerators, deep freezers, ranges and washing machines. Other brands handled are Maytag washing machines, automatic and wringer-type, Thor washing machines, and Easy spin dryers.



To serve your needs at Western Auto, Foy English has engaged this group. Back row, left to right: Foy English, owner, Joe English, Kenneth Hudson and Bobby Boutwell. Front row, Wendell Collier, Ned Young, Harvey Locklar and Mrs. Foy English. Mr. Young and Mr. Locklar help out during holiday and Saturday rushes periods.



For Christmas giving to the kiddies no more complete stock of toys will be found anywhere in Elba than at Western Auto. The big display of dolls shown here is just part of the complete line of toys available here. Whether its for the child who prefers building sets or toy six guns, you can pick his gift now and lay it away for Christmas. Visit this section of our store while the toy selection is still complete.

Progressing With Elba In 6 Short Years... to one of Elba's Foremost Appliance and Automotive Supply Stores



When it comes to auto accessories, Western Auto can't be beat on price and quality. We can save you money on almost any part or accessory for just about any make car. If a part isn't carried in our large stock, a phone call will bring it to Elba via bus in the space of a few hours. Check with us for all of your auto needs.

In 1947 Foy English opened a Western Auto Associate Store in Elba on the Square. He started with a line of automotive parts and a few appliances. At the start it seemed the space he had was enough to take care of the business but in a short time he found that they needed more space for display and service. Consequently in the past few weeks he picked up his lease on the store adjoining him and put in modern display facilities. The additional space was used advantageously for showing his many lines of appliances, storage and service facilities.

With these expanded facilities Western Auto Associate Store carries the best brands of nationally advertised appliances, heating and plumbing equipment, as well as a complete line of quality, low-priced auto parts. In addition to these lines of merchandise, Western Auto has become a center for sportsmen in this end of the county. Whether it is baseball, fishing, bicycling, skating or boxing, Western Auto has the equipment that goes with each activity.

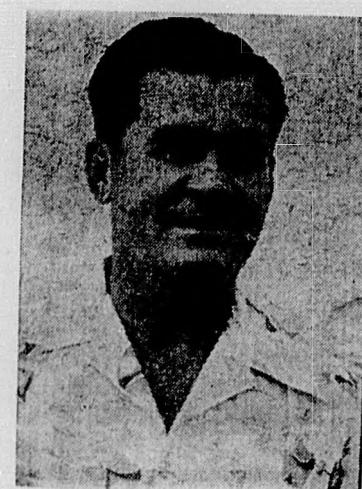
On this centennial of Elba, Foy English and his staff take this opportunity to thank all of his friends and customers who have helped make his business a success.

Western Auto Is Exclusive Dealer In Elba For

- ★ Gibson Appliances
- ★ Hotpoint Appliances
- ★ Kelvinator
- ★ Maytag Washers
- ★ Thor Washers
- ★ Easy Spinder Washers
- ★ Davis Tires
- ★ Firestone Tires
- ★ Philco Air Conditioning
- ★ Sewinn Bicycles
- ★ Furnitures

WESTERN AUTO ASSOC. STORE

Elba, Ala.



FOY ENGLISH
Owner



JOE ENGLISH



Ed Tucker



Serving Elba with Better Food Products and Service for 11 Years

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Miles have been in the retail grocery business in Elba since 1942. They started in business as the Elba Cut Rate Grocery next to the Elba Theatre in 1942. In 1946 they purchased the City Cash Grocery in their present location and have operated in this spot since that time. For over a year (1946-47) Mr. and Mrs. Miles operated two stores—City Cash and Elba Cut Rate. The Elba Cut Rate was sold in 1947. Since that time they have been serving Elba's ever-increasing grocery and market needs. Mr. and Mrs. Miles say the things they cherish most in Elba are the friends they have made. Since first opening, the Miles' aim has been to provide customers with the best advertised branded merchandise and service possible... to add more and more lines of merchandise to the store... and in turn make shopping at Save-Ways a pleasure and "easy and comfortable as an old shoe."

Today Save-Ways is proud of its store, many friends and customers. Chief aim of the store has been to serve you to the best of the owner's ability. In all their years in business, the Miles have been setting the pace for lower food prices. "Yes, we're proud of our growth and will always stay one strip in front of the others when it comes to money-saving food prices. "Yes, we're proud of our growth and will always neighborly attitude and community interest that you can't find anywhere. We've progressed because of your patronage. Come in soon, won't you?"

SAVE - WAYS



Furnishing Coffee County With

New & Used Cars Since 1951

History of Loan & Motor Insurance Business

Congratulations to the citizens of Elba on marking this Anniversary in your history of progress. You can be justly proud of this splendid achievement. Elba has played an important part in the history of Alabama and while this progress has been almost phenomenal, yet you have managed to retain the friendly atmosphere that has made the record possible. We are proud to be a part of this history in the making and feel that by giving you a complete line of new and used cars that you like, we have in some measure helped to make this the progressive community that it is. We pledge to give you the courteous, friendly attention that you have been accustomed to in the past, and also to continue this type of service in the future.

Elba Loan and Insurance Company was started in Elba 1946 in an office building at the rear of the ice plant. This business continued to grow and at the same time Basil Whitman Motors were started with the purpose of providing new and used cars for people in this trade territory. A steady growth in business enabled the firm to complete a new building and car lot on Brantley road and on Nov. 1, their move to their present quarters was completed.

From this modern set up on Brantley Road, Basil Whitman Motors and Elba Loan and Insurance Co. continue to serve this trade territory.

Basil Whitman Motors

Smith Harper Elba Top Barbecue Man

By C. B. McDOWELL

Smith Harper, well known colored resident of Elba, was born here May 1, 1871, son of Rachel Pope, later Rachel Simmons. He has lived in this community all his lifetime and is highly esteemed by many friends.

In giving his life's history, Smith said when he was six-years-old there were only three or four stores in Elba, one of which was burglarized. Unable to fix the burglary on anyone else, Harper died and he decided to move to Elba, where he worked the first three days on the road without pay. He worked for Dr. Blue, John Farris and hauled freight for Jeff Ham seven years.

River.

Smith said that while he and his brother were innocent of the crime, his apprehension proved to be very fortunate for him as it provided a good home where he lived just like one of the family until he was 21 years old. The names of the Harper children were: Bob, Ben, Callie, Lindy, Lacy and Mary.

About the time Smith reached his majority, he said Mr. Harper died and he decided to move to Elba, where he worked the first three days on the road without pay. He worked for Dr. Blue, John Farris and hauled freight for Jeff Ham seven years.

RAN BARBECUE SHOP

Another colored man Clarence Simson and Smith established a barbecue shop for white customers which was a popular tontorial establishment for 12 years. He worked in the rebuilt Sanitary shop with Walter Moody, George Jones, Crook Warren and Jim Weldon. W. J. Parker who came from Mobile, succeeded him in the shop now owned by Mr. Parker.

Smith married Ada Larkins in 1900. She died in 1937. They owned a home on Troy highway in the north part of town.

Harper took a job in William Cosby's Cafe on the east of the square, agreeing to work one week, but stayed three years. He entered the employ of the First National Bank of Elba and has stayed with that institution and its successors for the past 30 years and is still a valued employee.

Harper learned the profession of barbecuing 33 years ago under James Marsh and has probably barbecued more hogs and chickens than any other three men in this area combined. He said he has barbecued as many as 25 hogs at one time. He is still going strong and his services are in great demand.

Smith Harper is

one of the towns best-known colored residents. In Elba when there's a barbecue, it is almost a certainty Smith will have prepared the meat and look after other details of the cooking. (Clipper Photo)



This close up shows the student body of the Elba Junior-Senior School during the time J. A. Carney was an instructor. He is standing near the column on the left of the steps. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. J. A. Carney)

STYLES HAVE CHANGED . . .

But the Quality and Friendliness

of Duke Tatum's Remains Constant

Through The Years

We thank you for your patronage which makes it possible for us to be a part of this progressive community.



Congratulations
Elba Citizens
on your
100th Anniversary

The Friendly Store
for
Fine People

DUKE TATUM

POOR ORIGINAL

BLEED THROUGH

(Clipper, May 17, 1932)
Dr. C. S. Alfred, of Elba, sends the Messenger an appreciated curio in the shape of a clam shell.

He says:
"This clam shell, along with others of the kind, was found some thirty feet below the surface where excavations were being made for the power house."



LT. HARLIE B. JOHNSON

Lt. Johnson is serving with the air corps at Tyndal Air Force base where he is attending Conner's School.

of the Pea River Power Co. "Just over these shells was a stratum of rock which old mill men of this county say makes the finest mill rock to be had anywhere."

"Thinking you would like to have this specimen to place with your collections, I have taken the liberty of sending it. 'Your friend, C. S. Alfred.'—Troy Messenger



James E. Folsom—Age 2

On the Capital Steps



Birthplace of James Folsom was this farmhouse 18 miles from Elba, and stands on the farm which has been in the Folsom family since 1830.

Methodists Have One of Oldest Organizations in County

The Elba Methodist church is one of the oldest organizations in Coffee County or in South-east Alabama. According to date furnished by Rev. Franklin S. Mosley, pastor of Livingston Methodist Church, the local organization's history runs back to 1839. Rev. Mosley states in a letter to Rev. Elvin T. Edgar, pastor of the Elba church:

"You will find a few hurried facts about your church. Appointment dates and names of preachers for the Pea River Circuit, which I peruse was the circuit Elba must have been in during the early days."

"Pea River Circuit, 1839 to 1843. Travelling District: John Tanner, Abner Baker, James Lassiter, Elihu E. Brown, Charles Strider, Thomas G. Gilmore, James Shanks, John D. Worrell.

Batavia District, 1849 to 1852, Zachary Dowling, John W. Baker, Jefferson Bond.

In 1853 the church was first listed as the Elba Methodist Church and was in the Camden District with Robert S. Rabb as pastor. It remained in the Camden District until 1856, pastors being John L. Latham, Joseph W. Hightower and Zachary Dowling.

In 1856 the church was transferred to the Lowndesboro District where it remained until 1860. Pastors were Wesley B. Dennis, William C. Robinson and Neil Gillis.

Transferred to Marianna District, 1861-62. Pastors Neil Gillis and J. A. Parker.

Returned to Lowndesboro District in 1863-64. Pastors were J. A. Parker and J. A. Welches.

Transferred to Orion District in 1866. Pastors were Mathew T. Leach.

Transferred to Union Springs District in 1866-75. Elba-Kinston, Benjamin G. Blackwell, 1874, pastors were Elba Circuit, pastor, supplied by W. H. Hasty.

Elba Church not listed 1875-82.

Transferred to Marianna District, 1882-1890. Elba Circuit, 1890-92. Pastors J. B. Cumming, S. H. Nettles, Elba Circuit, 1884-89. Pastors J. F. DeBardelmen, Angus Dowling, J. M. Solie, J. K. Powell, Charles A. Williams, D. L. Lindsey, J. F. Dalley. Elba Mission, pastor, J. F. Dalley.

Transferred to Union Springs District, 1906-10. Pastors, D. F.

Ellisor, W. D. Heath, J. T. Eckford.

ELBA CIRCUIT
Transferred to Troy District, 1910-12. Pastors, T. G. Jones, H. B. Urquhart and J. F. Feagin.

Transferred to Doherty District, 1912. Pastor, R. A. Foster.

Transferred to Troy District, in which the Elba Church has been since 1913. Elba-New Brockton, pastor, R. J. Mills, 1914.

Elba Circuit, Pastors A. E. Shaefer, 1917.

Elba Circuit, Pastors, P. S. Hudson, 1918; J. T. Coulette, 1919-21; J. C. Phares.

Elba and Mission, Pastor, F. M. Lowery, 1922-25.

Elba and Daleville, Pastors, C. A. Williams, 1926; E. B. Paul, 1927-28; D. E. Marietta, 1929; L. W. Tubb, 1930-33; B. G. Smith, 1933; W. J. Hughes, 1935-38; J. C. Vickers, 1938; C. H. Siebert, 1939-40; C. P. Roberts, 1941-43; W. M. Spores, 1944-47; Fred L. Davis, 1948-52; Elvin T. Edgar, 1953.

The pastor, Elvin T. Edgar, has submitted the following statistics: membership, 404; value of church property, \$41,007; value of parsonage, \$10,000; church school enrollment, 220; W. S. C. S. membership, 66; Methodist Men's Club membership, 48.

Church School annex has been added within the past five years.

LOCATED ON CREEK BANK
The first Elba Methodist Church building was a frame structure located on the last bank of Beaver Dam Creek at

the end of what is now West Simmons street, M. M. Tye being the builder.

The old church property was sold to R. M. Wilder in about the year 1906, but services were continued there until the new building was built on the corner of the lot on Claxton street which he bought from W. Ham. He used the material in constructing his new home. The house was partially destroyed by fire later on and the present Young home arose from the ruins.

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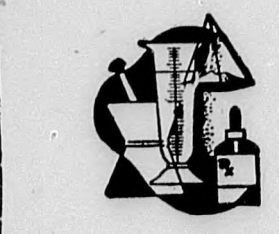
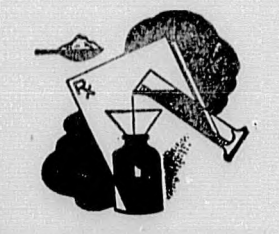
so modern...

Honest to goodness, sentiment is just as much alive today as it was in Grandma's time and sending flowers is STILL the best way to say "I'm thinking of you!" For lovely plants,

floral arrangements, or exquisite corsages or cut flowers be sure to call

THE ELBA FLOWER SHOP

Say It with Flowers!



Compounding Prescriptions
Since 1898
At This Same Location



Things have changed quite often since prescriptions were first compounded here at this location in 1898.

Since that time countless thousands of prescriptions were given out to residents for possibly thousands of different ailments.

At this pharmacy only the methods and ingredients of compounding have been changed to correspond with the scientific research in new drugs and medicine to cure the ailments of the human race.

What hasn't changed here is the prompt individual attention given to your particular needs, based on the most recent findings of science, together with a thorough and complete knowledge of modern prescription service.

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The Elba Eastern Star Chapter No. 323, was organized in January 1923, by Blanche Baugh Chapter No. 316 of Opp with 22 members. They were Mrs. Elizabeth Buck, Fred Symonds, Mrs. Idalia Symonds, Lena Lee Walker, Mrs. Mabel Morrow, Lillie Harper, Sallie Collier, Evelyn Allred, Lola Mays, Clyde English, Alvenia Blair, Olive Carney, Kate Hayes, Lena Vaughn, Florie Wright, Mildred Murphree, Maude Ham, Ethel Mills, Annie King, Sallie Boyd, D. J. Brooks, Dr. C. P. Hayes.

From the organization of the chapter up to March 14, 1929, there is no record as all were destroyed in the flood.

Officers at the organization were: Mrs. Elizabeth Buck, Worthy Matron, Fred Symonds, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Idalia Symonds,

Associate Matron; Miss Lillie Harper, secretary; Miss Sallie Collier, treasurer; Mrs. Katherine Mullins, conductress; Mrs. Lena Lee Walker, associate conductress; Mrs. Lena Vaughn, marshal; Mrs. Mabel Morrow, Chaplain; Mrs. Olive Carney, Aiah; Evelyn Allred, Ruth; Mrs. Kate Hayes, Esther; Mrs. Lola Mays, Martha; Mrs. Mildred Murphree, Electa; Florie Wright, Warder; Dr. C. P. Hayes, Sentinel.

These officers served a half term and were re-elected in June 1923. Other Worthy Matrons serving before the flood were: Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. Gussie Hutchison, Mrs. Katherine Mullins, Mrs. Ola Kendrick. Some of the above served as some as two years.

June 27, 1929, was the first meeting after the flood, and at this time officers elected were:

June 22, 1933, Bertie Lee Dixon, W. M., and Ja. C. Dixon, W. P. 1939 Hazel Jackson, Rev. J. E. Plant, W. P.; 1940, Mrs. Corrie Bryant, W. M. and Jas. C. Dixon, W. P.; 1941, Evelyn Allred W. M., and Jas. C. Dixon, W. P., serving two years.

June 22, 1936, Bertie Lee Dixon, W. M., and Ja. C. Dixon, W. P.; 1941, Mae Bryan, W. M. and J. E. Plant, W. P.; 1935, Mae Lee Bryant, W. M. and Jas. V. Dixon, W. P.; 1946 Georgia Mathis, W. M. and David Bryant, W. P.; 1947 Luna Dell Ringo, W. M. and Jim Whitman, W. P., serving two years; June 1949, Erlene Poole W. M. and Jim Whitman W. P., serving two years; June 1951, Erie Crook W. M. and Kernal Whitham W. M., Jim Whitman, W. P.; 1953 Mamie Lee Clark W. M., Lehman Farris, W. P.

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ELBA ALABAMA

History of Elba Red Cross Reveals Record of Service

By MRS. GUSSE HUTCHISON

The West Coffee County Chapter of American Red Cross was organized in 1917, and on Nov. 3 of that year received its charter, signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

Prior to 1941, there was only one Red Cross Chapter in Coffee County, with headquarters in Elba, and was not very active until 1939. During the first years of the organization an annual Roll Call was held in November, soliciting members and funds.

After the branch courthouse was built in Enterprise it was decided by the citizens of that city and officials of the Elba Chapter that it would be feasible to set up a Chapter in Enterprise. This was done and in December, 1940, committees from Elba and Enterprise met in New Brockton to decide jurisdiction of the chapters.

They agreed that the line dividing the court jurisdictions would serve the same purpose for the two chapters. This takes

in approximately all the territory west of Pea River for West Coffee County and that part east of the River for East Coffee County Chapter.

RENZO BRYAN PRAISED
The names of all who took part in the chapter activities prior to 1939 are not available, but much credit must be given to Renzo C. Bryan, editor of the Elba Clipper, who did yeoman service for many years in helping to hold the chapter together. Major Dozier Bryan, C. E. Dorsey, Dr. C. P. Hayes, Gordon Mathis and others were most helpful during that time.

In the outbreak of World War II, a county-wide meeting was called to reorganize the West Coffee County Chapter. A Production Committee was appointed and the Chapter launched its garment-making program. Mrs. G. P. Hayes, Mrs. Ross Clark, Mrs. Ella Jeter and Mrs. J. W. Rowe, along with their co-workers, made and shipped 3,600 pieces of wearing apparel for the war-torn countries.

In the spring of 1942 Mrs. Gussie Hutchison went as a volunteer to Montgomery to attend a ten-day institute which taught the mailing, inspecting, packing and shipping of surgical dressings. All this had to be done according to Army regulations. For several weeks Mrs. Hutchison taught classes here in the afternoons and at night. At first classes were taught in the Armory but as it was too far out, in the early fall the Lions Club rented a downtown building and the production of surgical dressings really got under way. Mrs. Luther Vaughan was at the head of this part of the program. Around 374,600 dressings were made and shipped.

HOME SERVICE STARTS
Renzo C. Bryan and other members of this community had done a certain amount of home service work, but there was no regular service until December, 1942, when Elba and Enterprise employed Miss Gustavus Anderson to work part time in each chapter. She worked a short time and was followed by Miss Ann Farrior.

Home service had become such a large part of Red Cross work that both towns needed more secretaries, so in 1943 Mrs. Gussie Hutchison was asked to work in the West Coffee Chapter and Mrs. Farrior to give full time in Enterprise. Mrs. Hutchison has been in the Elba office since.

The West Coffee County Chapter has averaged servicing 95 cases per month since 1943. To service one case a Red Cross worker must often travel many miles to get correct information for the military authorities. Home service workers are on the job day and night. They give service any time they can.

A committee of volunteers has always helped in home service. Mrs. M. A. Owen is chairman of this work. Home service and disaster preparedness are mandatory in order to hold a charter. The Elba Chapter committee is headed by Hershel Taylor.

JUNIOR RED CROSS
Mrs. Paul Windham headed the Junior Red Cross Committee for several years. Junior Red Cross is made up principally of school children who do an important work. They have made donations of money and gifts to children in war-devastated countries.

Several classes of home nursing have been taught by registered nurses. Mrs. E. G. Bragg is chairman. More than 100 certificates have been awarded.

Canteen service was given by the West Coffee Chapter to soldiers at Camp Rucker when it became a separation center. A large number of ladies took part in this work but Mrs. Florrie Wright, Mrs. Sam Sawyer, Mrs. Luther Vaughan and Mrs. Ella Jeter were chairmen.

Several soldiers from West Coffee County were P. O. W's. A committee, headed by Rev. O. M. Fox helped the families to pack boxes for the boys. They had to be of the right weight and measurement to meet military regulations.

ACTIVE DURING WW II
During World War II and the Korean conflict West Coffee Chapter was active in camp and hospital work. The camp and hospital committee furnished entertainment and refreshments to the sick in Camp Rucker. Mrs. Mary Hobbs was chairman of this committee.

Life saving and water safety had been taught in this jurisdiction and several certificates were issued. Wayland Dubose taught the class.

First aid has been one of the main activities of the Chapter. A class recently was taught by Dr. M. V. Miles.

Volunteers helped with the blood program at Camp Rucker. C. B. McDowell, publicity chairman, has done a good job. Miss Gladys Clark has been treasurer for two years. Mrs. Mary A. Mays is secretary.

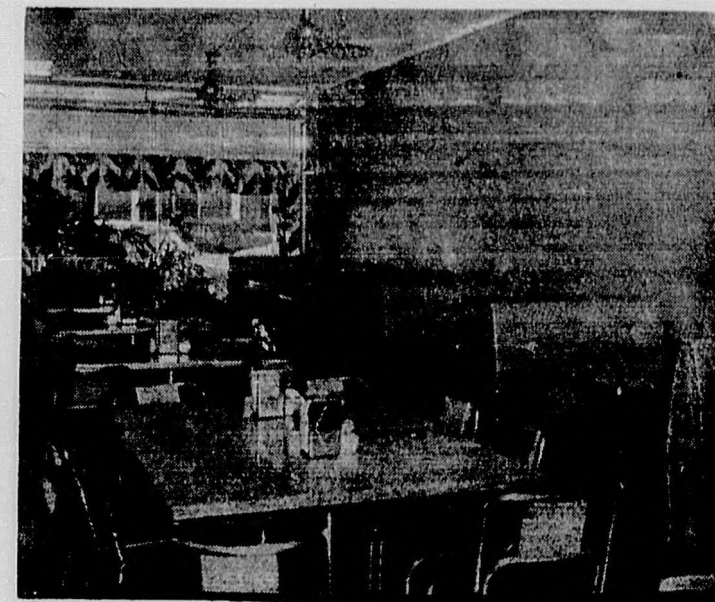
The following men have been chairmen of the West Coffee Chapter since 1939: Major Dozier Bryan, Sam Rowe, Jim Whitman, Charles Rowe, John Garrett, Dr. E. M. Warr and Lester Brunson all serving without pay.

The colored people have been very loyal and have been enlisted by the doctors through the rolled in the work of helping local Chapter. All classes of people have cooperated willingly.

EVERYONE COOPERATIVE
Ministers, probate judges and soliciting funds and helping to county commissioners have been locate families. Church organizations have been cooperative. The Elba Lions Clubs and clubs of all kinds Club, Chamber of Commerce and have been cooperative.

It has been a fine demonstration with serious problems of people helping people.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU



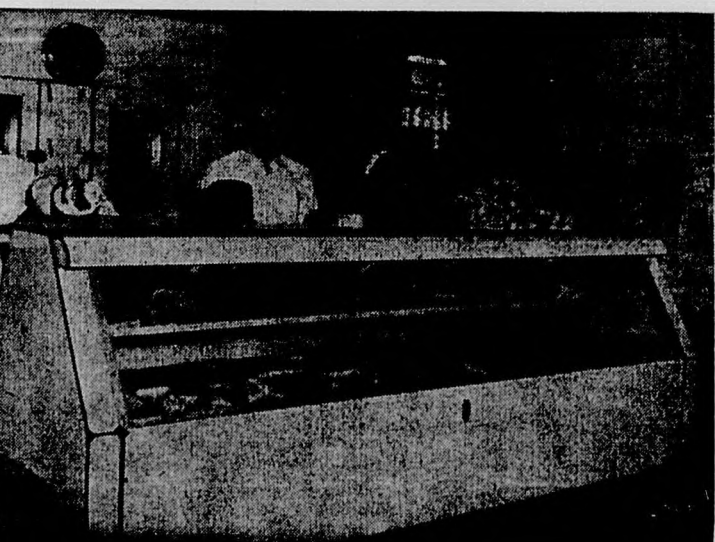
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"Grannie" Rainer, a Pioneer Woman

From an undated paper clipping

Isabel Smart was born in a little country home in Montgomery County in 1829. It has been said that "God couldn't be everywhere so he made Mothers". Isabel Smart who later became known to everyone as Grannie Rainer was a Mother in every sense of the word. She not only mothered her own twelve children, but every motherless boy or girl near her and she raised two children, not her own.

At the age of fourteen, Grannie Rainer joined the Primitive Baptist Church and was a con-

stant member for eighty-one

years. No prettier sight has ever been seen than this bright young girl, wearing a heavy fringed wool shawl, walk into the frozen stream breaking the ice as she went. As she came from the water long ice tags hung from the fringe on her shawl.

When yet a girl she moved with her parents to Pike County and in 1839, was married to the young Rainer. Together they built their own little cottage of logs and when finished her hands gave touches to this rude little home that made it a place of happiness and love. There

were times in those early days when they had to bar their doors to protect themselves from wolves and other wild animals.

HUSBAND DIES

After untiringly nursing her husband for six years, when all the children were still young, Grannie Rainer was left a widow to raise and care for all her children alone. She lived in trying times but overcame the hardships of the war and in the end she was left with her own hands all the clothes for her large family, cheerfully making a coat for a

BACK OF IDEAL DRESS SHOP

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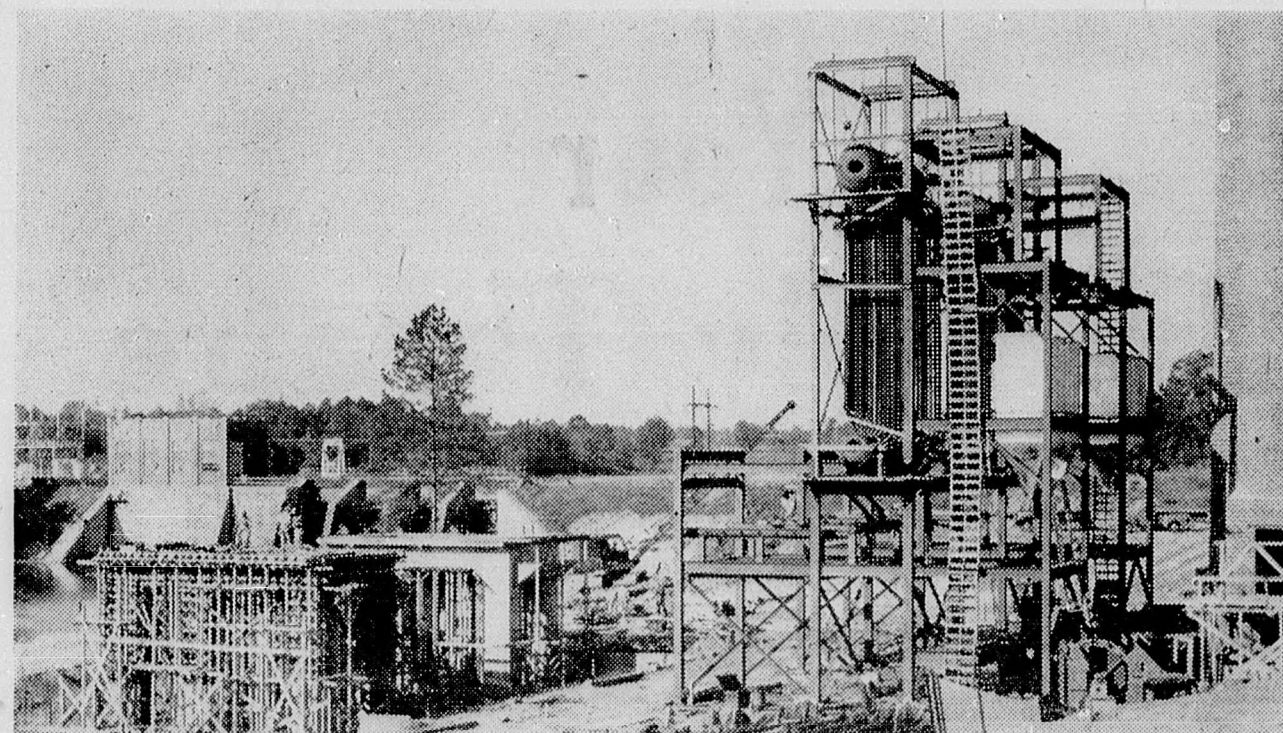
We take this opportunity of thanking all of our friends for their wonderful patronage.

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Shown above is a view of construction work at Alabama Electric Cooperative's Gantt steam power plant. The plant, of 15,000 KW capacity, is scheduled to go into operation early in 1954. In the background may be seen the Cooperative's Gantt hydro plant.

As the supplier of wholesale electric power for the City of Elba since late 1944, we're proud to have had a part in its fine growth and progress.

Our Gantt steam plant, now under construction (see above), will help furnish electric power to meet the continued growth of Elba (and the six other municipalities, and five REA cooperative we serve).

We're proud, too, of our progress! Since beginning operations in 1944, the demand for electricity by our member-consumers has more than quadrupled! This is just another indication of the growth and progress of the Cooperative, and the members it serves.

Alabama Electric Cooperative Inc.



This photo was taken in Elba in 1914 when "Grannie" Rainer observed her 89th birthday with a family reunion. Many friends and relatives attended the event to pay their respects to this pioneer woman. Identification of all people in the picture was not possible. (Photo Courtesy of Lamar Rainer Jr.)

neighbor's boy now and then. She knitted all of their socks and stockings, teaching them as they grew old enough how to do this work themselves. She would card her rolls in the afternoon and could be found after midnight at her spinning wheel.

She lived close to nature. She loved the songs of the birds, the whispering of the wood, the beauty of the flowers, and when asked the happiest moment of her life she said: "Late in the evening when the children drove the cows home from the pasture,

the tinkling of the bells was the sweetest music I ever heard. I believe I was happiest then." Grannie, an old lady but in the years that followed she became known and loved by everyone. In the 85th year of her life she made quilts for two of her great-grand children and on the day before she died she went into the garden and gathered the vegetables for dinner. In her last minutes on earth she asked that her chickens be fed and just as gently and quietly as the day before she died, so did Grannie Rainer pass away.

At the time of her death on January 1, 1920 she was survived by eight children, 44 grand children and 110 great grand children and eleven great-great grand children.

(Photo courtesy Lamar Rainer Jr.)



Frank H. Rainer (left) and L. S. Rainer Sr. struck this pose

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POOR ORIGINAL

BLEED THROUGH

Probate Judge Francis Marion Rushing Started in Life as Poor Orphan

Partial copy of the write up carried when Judge Francis Marion Rushing died May 14, 1912.

Judge Rushing was one of the oldest residents of Elba. He spent an active, useful and honorable life, and reared a large and prominent family, having come here when a mere boy, during the first years of the life of Elba.

He was well and favorably known in Coffee County, and throughout a large section of Alabama. During his long and useful life, he made many strong friends who mourn his loss.

Surviving him were the following children: W. M. Rushing, Elba, Dr. G. M. Rushing and P. M. (Tup) Rushing, of Oklahoma, Mrs. W. W. Ham of Elba and Mrs. Minola Lister of Panama City, Fla. Besides these there are many grand children to mourn his loss. His son John W. Rushing died in 1900, and his daughter Mrs. Martha Alabama Harper died last year.

INTERESTING LIFE
The life of Judge Rushing is indeed a most interesting one. He was the son of Malachi and Telitha (Dykes) Rushing who came from South Carolina to Montgomery County, Alabama, in 1818 before Alabama became a state, and while there were but two houses in the town of Montgomery. His parents first located in the prairie district of Montgomery county, and afterwards moved to Dublin in the pine woods section.

There his parents both died while he was very young, his mother dying when he was 7 years old and his father just a few years later, leaving six sons and one daughter. Of this family of children Judge Rushing was the sixth. His brothers were Thos. A. who died when a young man; Baron D. (Pone), yet living at Knox Hill, Fla., and the only one surviving Judge Rushing; Stephen Dykes D., who died in Texas a good many years ago; Wm. Mc D. who died in Texas after the war; Andrew J., who died when a young man; and Miss Rebecca who died when a



PROBATE JUDGE FRANCIS MARION RUSHING

young lady.
Judge Rushing was born on Jan. 5, 1832. (There is probably a mistake in the date of his birth, some saying that he was three years older than he counted having been born on Jan. 5, 1829.)
At the age of 12 years, an orphan boy, he and his brother came to Pike County and lived for a while with his uncle and worked on the farm for wages. When he was 16-years-old, he

came to Coffee County and began life for himself, working on a farm with Bethel Bryan about 7 or 8 miles northwest of Elba. At that community he continued to work on a farm, save his earnings, and attend school. He then engaged in the saw mill business for a short while, buying the Knowles saw mill, but not meeting with a success in marketing his lumber, he gave up this business and went to Texas swimming when he was graduated from Elba High School in 1942.

During 36 months in the Navy, he was stationed in Florida and California and saw action in the South Pacific in the liberation of the Philippines. While in the South Pacific he fought and became champion in the Southwest Pacific Theater.

After his discharge the Elban came home and enrolled in Troy State Teachers College. DuBoise won the State Golden Gloves heavyweight title and a decision, and annexed the Southern Crown in Nashville with a T. K. O. a genuine knockout and a decision in the finals.

DEFATED 234-POUNDER
Wayland, 170-pounds, the Coffee County stepped into the ring in Nashville for the South-



WAYLAND DUBOSE

ern Golden Gloves heavyweight championship in 1948 to face a 234-pound Colatin from Mississippi. Two-to-one money was being waved for Isaac Labboos, the big boy from Pascagoula. He had massacred two previous opponents, was fast for his size and had been in New York taking training with the idea of turning pro.

Three rounds later DuBoise got the decision and a tremendous round of applause from the fans at the fight. Jerry Bryan, assistant sports editor of the Birmingham News wrote: "The man DuBoise danced around his foe, bluffed him with a good right, eluded all but two of his terrific right-hand wallop and waited off with the decision."

When Jack Dempsey, who was in Nashville at the time of the fight, was told of Wayland's victory over the 240-pound Mississippi, he exclaimed, "I want to meet that young man. I wish I could have seen it, been in his corner. I always did like to sock a big man."

When reaching Chicago, the 22-year-old STC freshman set three precedents in advancing to the finals where he was knocked out. He was the first Southerner ever to reach the finals. He was the first Southerner ever to be invited to New York and The Garden as a member of the Chicago team; and he was the first light-heavyweight to battle as a heavyweight.

After being graduated from Troy STC Wayland took a coaching job in CNW.

where he followed the carpenter's trade for a while.

But he soon returned to Alabama. Again he entered school for a short while in Montgomery County, and then came to Elba where he secured a position with Judge P. D. Costello as probate clerk in 1855 which position he continued to hold until 1857 when he became clerk in the land office then located at Elba. This position he held for two years at the same time doing as a clerk and bookkeeper to a store, and studying medicine at night in the offices of Dr. J. P. Blue and Dr. J. G. Moore.

In 1859 he married Miss Fannie V. Yelverton, daughter of Judge Gappa T. and Martha Yelverton of Elba. At this time he held an interest in a drug store, which he sold, and went to the University of Virginia and continued his study of medicine, graduating there in 1861, just before the commencement of the

war he was a states. He practiced his profession for only a brief time before he entered the army, joining the 25th Alabama Company K, as a private, under Capt. P. D. Costello, and spent a few months at Corinth, Miss.

His health failing, he was given an honorable discharge and returned home.

He then practiced medicine for awhile at Bullock, Ala. In 1863 having regained his health, he joined the home guards and served as first lieutenant at Pollard, Pensacola, and other places, and engaged in several skirmishes and small battles during the remainder of the war. He was tendered a surgeon's position in the army, but refused preferring to serve as a soldier.

PRACTICED IN ELBA
After the war, he resumed his practice of medicine at Elba, where he built up a lucrative and most successful practice. In 1877 his first sorrow came in the

death of his beloved wife. He never married again.

In 1878 he was elected representative of Coffee County and served as such one term in the state legislature. In 1880, he was elected by the counties of Coffee, Dale, Geneva and Henry (then composing the 23rd senatorial district) as State Senator and served with distinction during one term in the State senate. He was regarded as an able and successful legislator.

In 1892, without seeking the office, he was elected Probate Judge of Coffee County, and was re-elected Probate Judge in 1898, serving two terms, 12 years. During his service as Probate Judge he procured for the county several needed improvements, which now stand as a monument to his splendid record as an officer. Since 1904 when he retired from office, he had been in continuous bad health, being confined to his bed much of

the time.

STARTED WITH NOTHING
The life of Judge Rushing should be an inspiration to young men. Starting life with nothing, by industry and economy, he worked his way in the world, and indeed became the "Architect of his own fortune."

In habits he was courteous, affable, and kind to everybody. In spirit, patriotic, benevolent, and gentle. He was ever the friend of the weak and needy. In life he displayed the generosity of soul, goodness of heart, and temper of mind that in truth he came a follower of the neck and lowly Nazarine. He lived an exemplary Christian.

He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years before his death, and a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1857.

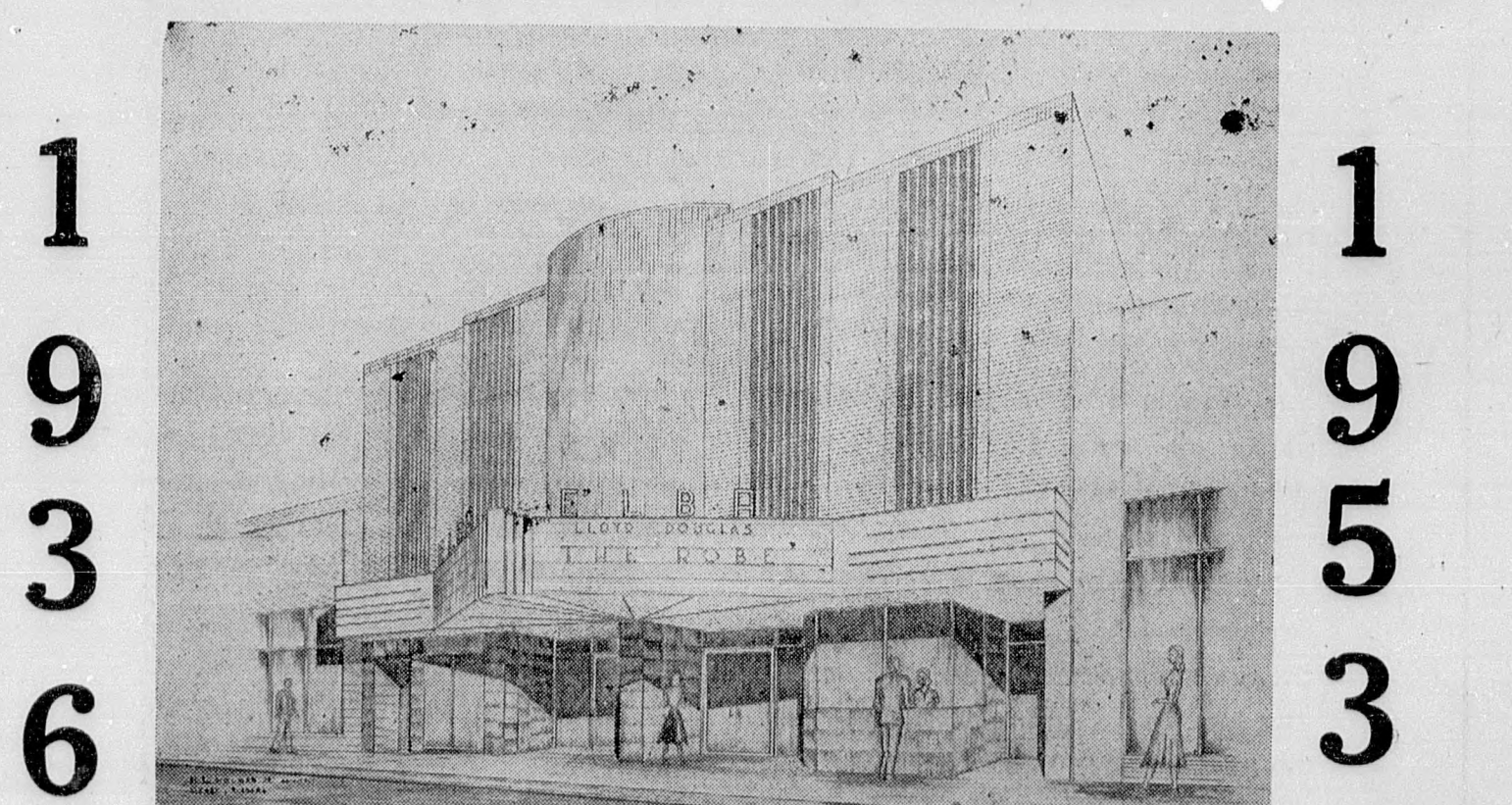
(J. A. Canley was editor and G. J. Bryan, Jr., business manager of the Clipper at this time).



Buford Street in Elba looked like this in the middle 1800's. Log cabins with hand hewn shingle roofs and a kitchen built as a separate unit in the rear were the style of the day. There was no street lighting at this time. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Lister Brunson)

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About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

THEY ARE STILL AT IT!
When "Big Jim" Folsom, Elba's native son, spoke here last Thursday to some 5,000 attentive listeners, he touched off a resumption of the same old attack that has been made against him ever since he so violently upset the apple cart of "the powers that be" prior to that time.

"Big Jim" Folsom is taking a different and somewhat strange tack this time, as manifested by the two-column editorial published in Friday's Advertiser, entitled, "Folsom vs. Dorseys Trailers."

Among those seated on the speaker's stand last Thursday at the Centennial celebration were several executives of the Dorseys Trailer Corporation. "Big Jim" was loud in his praise of Elba's chief industry and its officials and gave full credit to it for its important part in causing Elba to grow and prosper. He stressed the import and part transportation plays in the building of any city.

From expressions made by local readers of the Advertiser editorial, including a number of persons connected with the operation, it has stirred up considerable resentment and a feeling that it was an unfair attack without basis of fact.

The editorial elaborated on Elba's remarkable recovery from devastating floods and the outstanding growth and accomplishments of the past decade. We appreciate the complimentary words. The people of this community are duly proud of Elba's record. We are also proud of our favorite son and insist that he be given a square deal.

"Big Jim" in his Thursday address, seemed to force some of the attacks that would be forth coming when he warned that politicians who had been giving South and North Alabama a raw deal for the past 100 years, are still on the job and will make a lot of noise and endeavor to muddy the water at every opportunity in order to detract from real issues.

"Big Jim" said these "would-be" controllers of the state's governmental affairs are not open to "Big Jim" but are at the aid of "Folsomism," which he said is "Folsomism," which he said is "Folsomism."

Big Jim warned that his detractors' stock in trade is to represent the people in the State Legislature. He said it reminded him of a boyhood experience.

When he and his 12-year-old brother Bob were living on his parents farm near New Brook, they were playing one day in a 30-acre field. Their father, who believed in getting things done when needed, had left orders to get the field laid by.

Folsom said he and Bob were ardent cat fishermen but could see no prospect of going fishing soon with all that plowing on hand. So when they observed a thunderhead gathering in the south and another in the west, they then moved together with a lot of thunder and lightning directly overhead, they just knew it was going to rain. They were two happy boys, for they knew they were getting an opportunity to go cat fishing.

The pair took their mules to the barn and started unblinking them. But lo, and behold, before they had gotten all the harness off the head of one of the mules, it ain't going to rain!"

When he and Bob got outside, they found a strong wind had sprung up and scattered the clouds.

Big Jim likened the present gathering of storm clouds before the coming gubernatorial campaign to this incident and closed his speech by telling the audience, "Don't worry, it ain't going to rain."

EVANGELIST
Dr. J. L. Steele
Opelika, Alabama

SINGER
Mr. George Kester
Cleveland, Ohio

The Elba Clipper

"COMPLETE NEWS COVERAGE OF COFFEE COUNTY"

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Centennial Crowds, Publicity Bring Statewide Recognition

Front page coverage in two of the state's biggest dailies—The Birmingham News and Montgomery Advertiser—as well as the Dothan Eagle brought Elba more publicity on its Centennial Day, Nov. 19, than any event since the big flood in 1929.

Starting with the Elba High School band at 9:50 o'clock in the morning and ending with a first-class pageant that evening, local persons put on a show so good that it blazed across front pages of the metropolitan dailies the next day.

One of the top writer-photographers for the Birmingham News—Thomas F. Hill—covered the event for his paper. The Montgomery Advertiser went all out when citizens gathered at the event for his paper.

A picture of Mrs. J. M. Garrett, Centennial Queen, went on the front page of the Birmingham News Nov. 20, along with a write up of the event by Thomas F. Hill. Excerpts from his editorial in the paper today are in strong contrast to the frontier city of 100 years ago when citizens gathered at Bentonville and drew the name Elba from a hat and renamed their municipality.

As a result, Elba received more favorable publicity than at any time before in its 100-year-old history.

ADVERTISER LEADS
The Montgomery Advertiser devoted the most space to Elba's Centennial. On their front page alone Friday morning, Nov. 20, a two-line, four-column headline with story and pictures took 47 of a total of 174 inches on the front page. Besides the cartoon of the story to its inside page, Grover Hall Jr. wrote an editorial that served the dual purpose of describing the Centennial and blasting Elba's most famous son, ex-Governor Folsom. His remarks on the celebration were quite complimentary.

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Larkins Backs Voting Change
Larkins election to commissioners is a step toward good government and more equal representation of the people, State Senator H. B. Larkins, said in support of the bill which will be voted on in December.

In explaining his stand on act No. 571, a law relating to the election of members of the court of county commissioners, Larkins said:

Section 71 of this act reads: "Members of the Court of County Commissioners of Coffee County shall be elected hereafter by the qualified electors of the County at large, but each elector shall be eligible to be elected only once."

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Baptist Revival Starts Sunday
Rev. M. L. Seay, pastor of the Elba Baptist church, invited everyone to attend services of the fall revival beginning next Sunday, Nov. 29, and continuing through Sunday, Dec. 6. Weekly services will be held at 7 A. M. and 7 P. M.

Dr. Larkins Steele, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Opelika, will be evangelist and Geo. Kester, Dayton, Ohio, will lead the singing.

through the years. The town was hit by a terrible war, two devastating floods, and a depression, yet it rebuilt itself into a better place after each crisis.

Pictures and a write up by Mack McCants of The Dothan Eagle were the lead story in that paper Nov. 20. One four-column wide picture showing the City square for Elba's Centennial, Mrs. J. M. Garrett and her attendants, Mrs. Minola Lister, Mrs. Joanna Flowers and Mrs. Ida Young. A two-column cut pictures ex-governor Folsom at the speaker's stand before a crowd estimated by McCants at 9,000.

FAITH IN FUTURE
The Negro population is relatively small and the evidence of good race relations simply would not be believed by those of the ignorant and backward North. The Negroes had their place in the festivities and the director of the Negro high school choir was duly introduced to the throng with the title "Mrs."

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